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Ex-mayor Malcolm dies at 79



Malcolm Knowles

A LONG-SERVING councillor and former mayor of Dudley has died aged 79.

Tributes have been paid to Malcolm Knowles, who represented the Wollaston ward.

The father of three, who lived with his wife Shirley-Anne in Oldswinford, died last week following a short illness. He served on the council between 1975 and 1995.

He was then re-elected in 2002 and was mayor of Dudley in 2004/05.

During his working life, Mr Knowles, who has eight grandchildren, was a metallurgist and ran a small business.

Friend and fellow councillor, Liz Walker, said: "He was known for his bowler hats and his love of classic cars. He was a very good friend of mine and a very well respected councillor."

"He believed passionately in Stourbridge and would give his absolute best for the town."

The current mayor, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, said: "We are all saddened."

Sites link-up work starts

CONSTRUCTION work is under way to create a new road junction marking the start of a multi-million regeneration project in the Black Country.

A tourism masterplan has been drawn up to link Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

It is hoped the £46 million scheme will bring around one million people to Dudley. Work has started to build a road junction leading off Tipton Road which will bring motorists into the redeveloped site.

ROAD ROW TAKEN TO COUNCIL STEPS

by Andrew Turton

PROTESTORS have taken their fight against a controversial road closure to the steps of Dudley Council House in a bid to air their views.

Around 600 people have signed a petition demanding that Blackacre Road in Dudley is reopened and a fresh consultation is held into the scheme. The protestors, who live in side roads near to the street, have formed Buffery Residents Association and arrived carrying placards to present the petition to bosses at the council on Monday.

Murder trial accused bailed to return home

A BRIERLEY Hill man accused of murdering his girlfriend at a holiday resort abroad is returning home after he was granted bail at the start of his trial.

Luke Walker, who is accused of beating his girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman to death in Crete, has been allowed to return to the Black Country with his family.

He may work in the family's electrical business in Brierley Hill while he waits for the trial to resume.

The 24-year-old was joined by his family at Heraklion Mixed Court, Greece for the start of the trial this week.

He denies murder, saying Miss Hyndman fell following a night out in the resort town of Malia, where they both lived and worked.

The court sat for less than an hour before adjourning because key prosecution witnesses had not been summoned.

Many of the witnesses in the case had flown in from Britain. Miss Hyndman's mother, Heather, and her family also attended and sat in the front rows of the public gallery.

Walker's solicitor, George Pyromallis, asked that the defendant be allowed to return to England on bail.

Walker has spent the last two-and-a-half years in Crete, initially on remand for five months before he was granted bail on the condition he did not leave the island.

The Walker family were emotional as the court granted bail to the UK. After the hearing, Luke said it was the "best outcome so far". He said: "I haven't even thought about what I'll do when I get home."

But they are at odds with residents living in Blackacre Road who called for the street to be shut off.

Resident Shazadi Shah, aged 46, has helped raise the petition among homeowners in nearby streets including Paradise and Rollason Road.

"We wanted to take the petition up to the council house because we feel this is the only way to air our views," said the mother-of-three.

Blackacre Road was an artery that passed through Dudley enabling traffic to move more frequently but that artery has been closed blocking traffic and making more congestion on other streets such as Dixons Green Road which is really excessively busy."

Volunteers

Other residents led by Duncan Petford have been conducting traffic surveys on the side streets to present evidence of the problems to councillors.

Mr Petford has said volunteers have been monitoring the number of cars now using the roads and their projected speeds.

But Blackacre Road resident Stuart Hall welcomed the road closure, adding: "It has made the roads much, much quieter without cars coming down all the time."

Council bosses shut off Blackacre Road with new signs erected on side streets in a bid to inform motorists of the changes.

The closure was introduced after residents living in the road said the street had become a through route for motorists trying to get onto Dudley Southern Bypass.

Dudley Council transport boss Councillor Judy Foster said the scheme is experimental and would be reviewed.



Jayne Smith and Buffery Resident Action Group members hand over a petition from residents surrounding Blackacre Road on the steps of Dudley Council House, Priory Road

Museum trustees called to meeting

CAMPAIGNERS have urged the Black Country Living Museum's trustees to meet them as they fight cost-cutting plans that have put up to 70 jobs at risk.

An action group was formed when more than 150 staff, volunteers and museum supporters packed into a public meeting at the Station Hotel in Dudley.

Many are upset about planned changes which include halving the number of costumed guides to 40.

The action group has written to museum trustees calling for a meeting to be held as part of a wider consultation. The letter says: "We feel, as does popular opinion, that the action group represents the wishes of the visitors of the museum and those who care for its future."

"It was felt that the museum's latest decision to marginalise guides and cut jobs was beyond the point that people who are concerned for the museum could endure in silence."

"A unanimous vote agreed that it is the duty of the trustees to meet the representatives of the group and that decision-making must be curbed until it is possible to involve a wider consultation group." At the public meeting earlier this month Professor Carl Chinn said the guides and their stories about the Black Country were essential.

Mosque plea date is set

AN appeal against a High Court decision to throw out controversial plans for a new mosque in Dudley will be heard early next year.

The long-running legal battle over land in Hall Street will return to the courtroom during the first week in February, according to Dudley Council.

Officials from the authority said they had received notification of when the hearing would take place.

Proposals for the mosque were rejected at a hearing in April.

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Church steps up drive for £100,000

A HISTORIC village church has raised more than half of the £100,000 it needs to build new facilities – and is stepping up its campaign to bring in the rest.

A leaflet has gone to homes in Hagley, near Stourbridge, appealing for donations for St John the Baptist church, next to Hagley Hall. A church has been there since Norman times and been rebuilt over the years, with the latest version dating

from the 1850s. The church and Hagley Cricket Club want to create toilet and changing facilities and a meeting room.

Planning permission has been given for a building with three toilets, including one for disabled people, and a meeting room on the cricket pitch, next to the church. It will be in the style of the cricket pavilion and the club will also be able to use the facilities.

Rector, the Rev Richard Newton, said that it was hoped work would commence soon so the building could be ready in time to save having to hire toilets for next year's Hagley Music Festival.

In Contact, the church magazine, he says: "At the moment there is one toilet, which is far from adequate when large numbers of people are using the building and it's not accessible by anyone who is disabled."

"There is nowhere adequate for musicians to change, for children's work or to hold small meetings during the winter without heating the entire church."

The church and club have applied for grants towards the work.

Mr Newton added: "We hope that people who live locally, or who appreciate being able to come to St John's and to its services or events, will be generous and help us."

Go-ahead for zoo's plans on buildings

PLANS to restore some of Dudley Zoo's most famous buildings, including its iconic wave entrance have been given the go-ahead by council chiefs paying the way for work to begin.

Four of the Tecton structures, dating back to 1937, will be restored to their former glory with the help of £1.15 million of lottery cash.

As well as the entrance, the bear ravine, a kiosk and the former Station Cafe – now used as the Safari Shop – will also be refurbished under the scheme.

A planning application for listed building consent was submitted to Dudley Council earlier this year. Permission for the work due to start next year has now been granted by council planners.

Planning officer Pete Boland said: "The granting of listed building consent is justified in that the proposals will have no detrimental impact upon the statutorily listed heritage assets, specifically the Tecton zoo entrance; station café; bear ravine and kiosk."

"On the contrary the repair and reinstatement works will stabilise the structures and improve their appearance."

Safe trick or treat offer

A "SAFE" version of trick or treat is being offered by Stourbridge's Ryemarket shopping centre on October 26.

Youngsters and their parents can enjoy a day of spooky storytelling, follow a trick or treat trail around the centre and find out more about exotic creatures in a creepy crawly roadshow put on by Dudley-based Animal Antics, starting at 10am.

Storytime sessions will be at 10.30am, 11.45am and 1.45pm with trick or treat trails at 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm and a wizard on stilts performing between 11am and 4pm.

Hall history talk

MEMBERS of Clent History Society, near Stourbridge, will hear a talk about Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale at their meeting on October 25.

Local historian Brian Draper will give the talk, which starts at 8pm at Clent Parish Hall in Church Avenue. Admission will cost £2.50 for non-members.

Two years forecast on theatre reopening plan

CAMPAIGNERS battling to save the Dudley Hippodrome say the former theatre may reopen within two years if plans to give it a new lease of life get the go-ahead.

A public meeting heard the latest on the bid to persuade Dudley Council to rethink its decision to demolish the Castle Hill building. More than 10,000 people have signed a petition calling for it to be saved and reopened.

Actions at odds with rules say experts

THEATRE experts say council plans to demolish the former Dudley Hippodrome are going against government guidelines.

The Theatres Trust, which acts to preserve historic venues, says council actions are at odds with national planning rules safeguarding culturally significant buildings.

Campaigners welcomed the intervention saying it added more weight to the fight to save the Castle Hill landmark from being lost.

Mark Price, trust planning and heritage advisor, has objected to the council's application to demolish the theatre to use the land initially for a car park.

He says it would go against national guidelines saying that the council should, where possible, "guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services", in a letter to the council's planning department.

Mr Price also said in the letter that the authority should instead be looking to develop the Hippodrome as a venue for youth arts activities.

Council chiefs earmarked the site for a temporary car park and lodged an application to flatten the building.

A business plan outlining how it could stage professional and amateur shows, host training workshops and community events was put forward by the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome.

Historian and archaeologist Paul Collins told about 60 people at Dudley's Station Hotel that work was under way to identify possible funding sources.

"We believe we could have the Hippodrome open again within the space of two years. We would start by opening it up for arts workshops while work on the auditorium is completed."

Potential

Performing arts teacher Joanna Roden, who works at Jessons Primary School, Dudley, and runs the Fusion rock choir, said the building had "huge potential".

She said theatres were ranked on size and facilities and it would be "an A list theatre", meaning it may attract "some of the best shows in the country".

Campaign leader Geoff Fitzpatrick said they would meet the council to discuss their business plan.

"We've already had a lot of support from English Heritage and The Theatres Trust who have spoken out about why the Hippodrome shouldn't be knocked down."

"We've also had support from people in Canada, Texas and the Isle of Man."



At the Hippodrome meeting, from left, are campaign leader Geoff Fitzpatrick, historian Paul Collins and Jessons Primary School teacher Joanna Roden

Narrow vote secures flag for village

PLANS to fly a ceremonial flag in a village won approval but only after a narrow vote.

About 1,000 pupils from three schools will vie to design the flag to be flown in Gornal.

Organisers Gornal Business Watch will get almost £1,390 from North Dudley area committee to fund a flagpole and making the flag ready to unveil on December 1.

Plans got a six to five vote at the committee.

tee after a report said Business Watch had not provided all documentation expected for a grant application. Councillor David Caunt said they should not get the money until all the paperwork was produced.

Councillor Dave Branwood said the dispute was a "technicality" and offered assurances that all documents would be presented to the council in due course.

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Parking spaces bid in village

MORE than 20 new car parking spaces are planned for Gornal village if a long-awaited scheme is given the go-ahead.

Residents and traders have campaigned for a shoppers' car park to be created by the council for more than 20 years.

Proposals are now being looked at by Dudley Council and a village councillor said he expected "substantial progress" by the end of the year.

Councillor Stuart Turner said the plan was for around 25 extra spaces to be created on vacant council-owned land off Abbey Street.

He said a basic design outline had now been created following a site meeting with council officers with more detailed plans and costs being drawn up for the project.

Councillor Turner said: "Meetings have now taken place and early plans setting out what we intend to do have been drawn up."

"The total number of spaces has yet to be finalised but looking at the site it is intended around 25 spaces could be created."

"The way parking is in Gornal at the moment even a smaller number of spaces would be a significant help."

Sixth form is to expand

A SIXTH form college in Stourbridge has been given the green light for a £1.3million expansion, despite concerns raised by neighbours.

King Edward VI College has won planning permission from Dudley Council to demolish the old De Saulles building in St John's Road, and replace it with a two-storey maths centre.

Catering for 500 students, the teaching block will consist of seven classrooms, toilets, a reception area and a staff room.

Councillors on the development control committee went with officers' recommendation to approve the proposal.

200 jobs taken

AROUND 200 seasonal jobs at Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre are 'more or less filled', according to organisers of a job fair.

A total of 1,500 jobseekers descended on the centre for the fair at the Black Country Skills Shop recently for a range of posts.

Rare barge restoration will cost £62,000



Rare wooden Joey boat Birchills at the museum

FUNDRAISING is under way to help restore a rare wooden Joey boat at the Black Country Living Museum.

Around £62,000 is needed to carry out vital repairs on Birchills which was built in 1953 by Ernest Thomas on his dock at the top of Walsall locks and worked on the run to Birchills Power Station.

When the power station closed, the Joey boat was sent to Hatherton Junction on the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal and moored on the Hatherton Branch, outside Mr Thomas's house.

Director of development Carolyn Sankey said around £20,000 has been

raised so far towards the restoration work. The museum is also waiting to hear whether large bids for grants have been successful.

Bosses have also said Stour, a long distance wooden built motor boat, built in 1937, is also a priority for restoration work.

Chief executive Andrew Lovett said: "The museum owns 16 boats, eight of which are floating, and of these priority status for major funding and work has been given to wooden boat Birchills, which has been identified as the most important and most vulnerable of the

vessels at the Museum. "We commenced work in 2012 and plan for longer term conservation in 2013. Stour is also in need of work, a survey commissioned by the Museum in 2011, when the boat was in dry dock for works to the hull, gives us the start point for future efforts at raising the necessary funds."

Stour and other boats in the collection receive frequent volunteer attention to check bilge pumps, remove weeds and pump out rain water. The museum is appealing for donations and anyone interested can call 0121 521 3511 or visit the website on www.bclm.com

£2m estate transformation hopes to bring in 130 jobs

UP to 130 jobs could be created with a £2 million transformation of part of a Dudley trading estate which has been approved by borough planners.

In the proposals, three industrial buildings at The Pensnett Estate will be created. It is hoped the plan will breathe new business life into the area, say owners London and Cambridge Properties.

The buildings will include eight small-sized and three medium-sized units designed for new businesses. The units will replace an empty six-storey office block.

The plan will create the opportunity for between 30 and 80 jobs, plus 50 full-time positions during the nine-month construction period, which will begin in the New Year.

The scheme can go ahead after Dudley Council approved the planning application, describing it as 'acceptable' due to its creation of employment.

Margaret Hopkins, marketing manager for the estate owner, said: "This is good news for small businesses searching for a suitable place for a new base."

"There are not enough secure places where businesses can start, we have noticed this and come to address it with this scheme. We are confident

by Alex Ross

the units will be filled up and jobs will come to this area."

The scheme will be built in one phase, with opening expected in later summer next year.

Pensnett House - the empty office block - is already being demolished and should be cleared soon.

Disturbance

One objection was made against the plan by a neighbour, who feared disturbance from the site.

But in a report, council planners said: "The design and scale of the proposed buildings is considered to be acceptable, and there is sufficient parking available within the site for use in connection with the development."

"Activities at the site would not have any detrimental impact on residential amenity."



Mike and Hazel Baker celebrate their golden wedding with the tapestry

US friend throws a surprise to couple

A COUPLE celebrating their golden anniversary had a pleasant surprise when they were sent a wedding picture - printed on a tapestry throw.

Mike and Hazel Baker from Wollaston, Stourbridge, received the double bed-sized present from a friend in America.

Mrs Baker, aged 69, said: "When we got it in the post we were both so surprised. We are very grateful." The present was given to the couple by Lily Cayabyab, who lives in St Louis, in Missouri. Mr Baker, 73, and Mrs Baker both grew up in Tipton.

In 1979, Mr Baker started up Lyngrid Contracts, a company which built the glass roofs for the Merry Hill shopping centre.

The pair sold the company and retired in 1999. They have two children, Fiona, 42, and Victoria, 39, and four grandchildren.

The pair received £1,500 in donations for NHS Dudley Group's primary care neurology fund at their party at the Cophorne Hotel on September 8 after Mr Baker, who suffers from Parkinson's, received therapy and treatment from the group.

NEWS in brief

Plans to improve care for babies

PLANS to improve a baby unit at a Worcestershire hospital have been announced.

The Transitional Care Unit helps premature babies who may have difficulties learning to feed.

The unit at Worcester-shire Royal Hospital in Worcester also provides the extra care and support mothers need.

Improvement plans aim to create a larger facility by increasing the bed capacity to a six-bed bay, the unit currently has five beds.

Future of centre has been secured

THE future of Worcester-shire's outdoor education centre in Wales has been secured after a charity that provides adventures for young people agreed to run it.

Worcestershire County Council in November last year invited expressions of interest in providing the service at Llanrhy, North Wales.

Now the council has reached an agreement with Rock UK, a charitable company, which will take over delivery of the service from April 1.

New shop to help young find work

A Mary Portas-style "pop-up" shop will be opened for a month in Dudley to seek out unemployed teenagers looking for jobs.

It will open from October 26 to November 23. The Black Country Training Group (BCTG) will take over a former estate agent's shop in Stone Street. The shop is being opened by Dudley North MP Ian Austin at 2pm.

Training academy officially opened

KIDDERMINSTER'S new £10 million training academy has been officially launched by Business and Skills Minister Matthew Hancock.

Around 1,000 students will use The Academy, which offers courses ranging from fashion, hospitality, retail to the development of software applications.

Homes by canal

A CONTRACTOR will build 44 homes on a former industrial site by the Dudley Canal, Netherton. GC Netherton will build on the former Tinsley Works site off Northfield Road.

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CAN you believe the luck of that Abu Hamza? A reader assures me the Christmas panto at the Manhattan Metropolitan Correction Centre this year is going to be Peter Pan.

JUST remember, as food prices start rising and manufacturers blame it all on poor grain harvests around the world, that raw materials make up only a small part of the price of modern foods. In a simple loaf, the flour accounts for only 10 per cent of the total price. In highly processed foods the proportion is even less. So a 30 per cent hike in grain prices should not cause huge price rises in the supermarkets – but profiteering in the board rooms most certainly will.

TWO weeks ago The Food Hospital (C4) sang the praises of watercress. The next day our local and usually well-stocked market, was sold out of watercress in a couple of hours. Remember the Delia effect? More than 10 years ago Delia Smith's TV tips resulted in soaring sales of cranberries and capers.

And when she described her favourite metal pan as "a little gem," the firm making them, which had been selling only 200 a year, turned out 90,000 in the next four months. Now, The Food Hospital claims blueberries could improve our brain power. Has the panic-buying of blueberries begun?

THE Food Hospital also introduced us to a morbidly obese bloke who had made a special effort to keep his alcohol intake down at a wedding. He had limited himself to 12 pints of Guinness and eight cans of lager and seemed very satisfied. No blueberries there, then.

SOMETIMES we say what we think, not what's on the script. That seasoned broadcaster Jim Naughtie referred carelessly this week to the "headache" on Jimmy Savile's grave. Er, headache.

MEANWHILE, what a revelation Savile's 1978 autobiography is turning out to be. This is the book that should have been Exhibit A for the prosecution. Relating the tale of one young girl who threw herself at him, Savile says: "Should the reader feel that her folks appear unconcerned, you would not believe the stories I might tell you about some parents."

It seems the DJ was referring to parents who don't give a damn what their kids are doing so long as there is a chance, however remote, of fame and fortune. So what's new? There is a long and shameful showbiz tradition of ambitious mothers delivering their daughters to the producer's casting couch. It may suit police, BBC bosses and Savile's colleagues to claim that the DJ's behaviour was hidden by a conspiracy of silence. The truth is that it was there, in black and white, for anyone to read.

BACK in August as the first wave of Boris fever swept the nation, I wrote: "At various stages in his life and career, Boris Johnson has shown himself to have feet of clay."

I am not alone in doubting the London Mayor's fitness for high office. In the Daily Mail a couple of days ago his former boss Max Hastings who knows him well denounced him as "a gold-medal egomaniac" who is "utterly unfit to go higher still."

No-one denies that Boris can be a charmer, a crowd-pleaser and a great entertainer. But so was George Formby. And when the chips were down in 1940 we were lucky to have Winston Churchill as prime minister and George Formby entertaining the masses, and not the other way around.

AT a time when funeral prices are soaring, I couldn't feel much sympathy for the reader who wrote to tell me the cremation and delivery of the late Colin's ashes set his family back a total of £95. Then I read on. Turns out Colin was a rabbit and the bill came from the vet.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Start date for work on £3.5m hotel

THE start of work on a new £3.5million hotel in a Dudley business park will begin next month.

West Bromwich construction firm Anglo Holt will begin building the three-storey Premier Inn after being appointed as contractors by developer Stoford.

The 63-bedroom hotel at Castlegate Business Park will create 25 new jobs and is expected to welcome

its first customers in autumn next year.

It will include a ground floor restaurant and cafe, plus 60 car parking spaces. The development, was approved by Dudley Council earlier this year.

Dan Gallagher, joint managing director of Stoford said: "We are delighted to be starting on site on a development that will not only

create new jobs, but also support local businesses and boost tourism.

Developer Stoford is also working on other schemes in the region include a shopping centre in Oakham Road, Sandwell and a convenience store in Hill Top, West Bromwich. The land where the hotel will be built is owned by the Homes and Communities Agency, whose head of operations Anne-Marie

Simpson, said: "This project will further improve the offer of Castlegate Business Park as a destination venue and also the wider regeneration of Dudley which we are supporting."

John Bates, head of acquisitions for Premier Inn owners Whitbread Hotels, said: "Castlegate is an ideal location for a new Premier Inn in the Black Country."

Historic ex-foundry to be £8.5m health centre

A £8.5 MILLION health centre will be built in Stourbridge to serve 26,000 patients after a deal allowing work to start at the grade II listed former Foster, Rastrick and Co foundry, Lowndes Road in Wollaston.

Turnaround for school after notice to improve

STAFF at a school in Halesowen have received praise from education watchdogs for raising pupils' achievement – eight months after being given a notice to improve.

Ofted inspectors found a decline in children's achievement at Caslon Primary School had been halted since their last visit in January, with many pupils now making 'good' progress. The report stated the turnaround was down to the closer monitoring of children's learning and teachers' performance.

But he warned head-teacher Adrian Pembleton to continue improvements across all year groups to ensure high standards. Mr Pembleton, who has been head for two years, said he was pleased with the report, adding he believed the school was among the most improved in the Dudley district.

The school was ranked 75 out of 78 schools in the borough following last year's Year six SATS results, but this year, Mr Pembleton says the school would be in the top 20. He said: "With my team of staff I have introduced measures to closely monitor the pupils' progress to ensure they can get what is expected of them."

The former factory will become a 30,000 sq ft centre with space for up to 10 GPs.

Approval for plans was given two years ago. A contract to finance it has been finalised, with work due to start after a deal between Worcester Street Medical Practice and developer Primary Health Properties PLC, which is providing funding.

Primary Health Properties will lease the centre on a 25-year contract to the GP practice when building is complete.

Services will include a pharmacy and a community health staff base. Dr Carol Griffiths, Executive Partner at the Worcester Street practice, said it was expected to open early in 2014.

Fruition

"The partners are very excited that this scheme has come to fruition and are planning the new services they will be able to provide in the building which they will be discussing with patients as the build progresses," she said.

Partners have yet to decide on a name but say it will reflect the site's history. Despite its historic status, the building has fallen into a dilapidated condition after being disused for nearly a decade.

The Georgian foundry is famed across the globe as being the birthplace of the Stourbridge Lion steam engine – the first to run on rails in America in 1829.

The company created four steam locomotives. The Stourbridge Lion and two others were ordered for the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company in the US.

Jasmine returns to nursery



Jasmine with owner Debbie Mason at the nursery

JASMINE Pole has gone back to the nursery where she was one of the first pupils – but this time it is to work.

Jasmine, aged 15, was six months old when she enrolled at the Playbox Nursery when it opened in Kingswinford in January 1998. She loved it there, has kept in touch with staff through the years and returned to do a work experience stint.

Jasmine's found that, as well as owner Debbie Mason, three other original members of staff – Kerrie Nicholls, Lianne Hayes and Naomi Paterson – still work there.

Jasmine, of Cloverdale Crescent, Kingswinford, said: "I remember I used to like playing and making friends at Playbox. I've also decided that I want to work with little children – I enjoy caring for them."

"So I asked if I could come to do some work experience there – and I'm really enjoying it." Mrs Mason, who started with 24 children, including Jasmine, on her roll, now has 55 young pupils and employs 17 staff at the nursery. She said: "I remember Jasmine coming here as a baby and she has turned into a delightful young lady."



Jasmine Pole was at Playbox Nursery at six months

Firework display at town club cancelled

AN annual bonfire and fireworks display in Stourbridge has been cancelled this year over fears bad weather could result in financial loss.

The town's football and cricket clubs called off the event, at the War Memorial Athletic Ground in Ambleside, after three years of falling attendances resulted in a loss of around £1,000 last year.

Club officials say the event's demise was down to the moving of dates, loss of a bonfire last year – but mainly down to drab weather on the night of the event.

Although cancelling it this year, they have not ruled out it returning next year.

The event was launched in 1998 and at its height attracted more than 3,000 people and raised £6,000 for each club.

Stourbridge Football Club chairman Andy Poutney said: "Over the past three years poor weather has limited the number of people attending the event, the weather has also played a major factor to the damage caused to the cricket pitch and training areas of the ground."

Event to aid stroke unit

A GRANDMOTHER from Lower Gornal hopes to raise hundreds of pounds for a hospital stroke unit after staff there saved her son.

Darren Pitt lost his hearing and suffered a severe headache. The next day, the 30-year-old was admitted to Russells Hall Hospital where he was told he had nearly died. His mother, Julie Pitt, 52, is holding an event to raise cash for the stroke unit.

The event will be a Motown and soul night at the Royal British Legion, in Ruiton Street, on November 9 from 8pm to midnight. Tickets are £3. Call 01384 860237.

Nursery to grow

A nursery in Dudley has been granted permission to extend its premises to provide more playing space.

Treetops Nursery, Manderston Close, will now build the two storey extension at the rear. During the work, the nursery will remain open for up to 75 children at any one time.

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Garage to be centre of learning

A DISUSED garage near homes in the Black Country will be turned into an Islamic education centre under new plans.

If it gets the go-ahead the unit, in Cinder Bank, will be taken over by Netherton Islamic Trust, which currently uses an adjoining terraced house.

The plans have been recommended for approval by Dudley Council's development control committee.

A statement by bosses at the trust says: "The application has been submitted to enhance the existing educational facility within the adjoining Islamic learning workshop rather than increasing student numbers."

"The present centre has no dedicated parking and this application would provide at least 12 off road spaces for staff and visitors accessed from the existing entrance. The number of students are approximately 30 at each class and these are staged, running between 4pm and 6.30pm."

"It is important to note this activity takes place from the adjacent site and therefore the application is about improving the quality of service provision and providing some parking facility for the existing activity," the statement added.

Half-term fun planned

THERE will be fun and games at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre during the half-term. The sessions, from October 22 to 28, include gymnastics, trampolining, arts and crafts and a roller disco.

Youngsters can whizz around the sports hall at Jerry's Roller Disco on October 22 from 1.30pm to 3pm and 3pm to 4.30pm.

Hour-long trampolining sessions are running for children aged five to 15 on October 23 at 10am and 11am for beginners and at noon and 1pm for advanced.

Under fives can have a go at trampolining on October 23 and 26 at 2.30pm. For more information or to book a place call 01384 812800.

Ballroom dance

BALLROOM and sequence dancing will take place at Lutley Community Centre, Halesowen on October 20.

Stephen Gill will provide the music on orchestral keyboards. The dance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, including a light supper. Call Irene Layton on 0121 550 8631.

Time to get in the ring with heavyweights

WHEN George Osborne announced in 2010 that an extension of the Midland Metro would be funded in Birmingham, there was delight from the city council.

But more than 13 years after the Midland Metro line between Wolverhampton and Birmingham opened, there is still no movement on an extension from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill.

The plan has private sector backing. Merry Hill centre owners Westfield would stump up £36 million. The roads of the Black Country are a constant source of irritating congestion for commuters and hauliers alike. If ever there was a case for a rapid transit system, this was surely it. Instead, Brummies can save themselves a

The Black Country has been punching below its weight for years and it is time to do something about it, says DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

five-minute walk between Snow Hill and New Street stations thanks to a £125m investment.

Just what is it about the Black Country that means this area is left in the shadows while Birmingham has become a thriving, vibrant metropolis in line for high speed rail stations and with one of the best shopping destinations in Europe in the form of the Bullring?

Paul Bennett, chairman of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, thinks having four separate councils for Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley and Walsall is stifling the

region's ability to come up with radical ideas.

An over-arching organisation in charge of transport and regeneration is proposed. It would be similar to one in Greater Manchester.

The potential is there to share council services between and cut out duplication, thus saving the taxpayer money and giving the region a pot of funding to pump into major infrastructure and grants for businesses that will boost employment.

But before any grand plans are drawn up and signed the four councils must first take a long look at what they have been doing and understand why the region is not punching its weight against Birmingham when it comes to attract-

ing investment. For years the councils have been funding the Black Country Consortium to work on projects that benefit the entire region. Any combined authority must be about cutting through the bureaucracy, removing the duplication of roles and having a clear and determined view about where the region is heading.

In the 21st century we no longer conduct all our affairs in just one area. It is commonplace for people to live in one council area, work in another and spend their leisure time in yet another.

Recognising that the Black Country needs its boroughs to pull in the same direction will allow it to become greater than the sum of its parts.

Discussion on creating one mighty authority in region

IT is a problem that has plagued the Black Country for years. How does it punch its weight against big cities like Birmingham and Manchester? Council leaders are in discussions about whether to create a new tier of local government that would act on behalf of Dudley, Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Walsall on matters of joint importance.

Could the Black Country become an economic powerhouse if its four regions were merged into one? Political Editor DANIEL WAINWRIGHT reports

some discussions going on about creating a combined authority. It will not be a unitary authority.

"All the councils would carry on as they are in regards to services like bin collections and children and young people."

"A combined authority, like what they have now in Greater Manchester, would cover things like transport and strategic economic regeneration."

"The transport needs of the Black Country go beyond our borders, such as talk of a link road from the M54 to the M6 Toll road or freight depots."

The Black Country already has a body called the Black Country Consortium funded by the authorities that works to boost inward investment, sport and tourism.

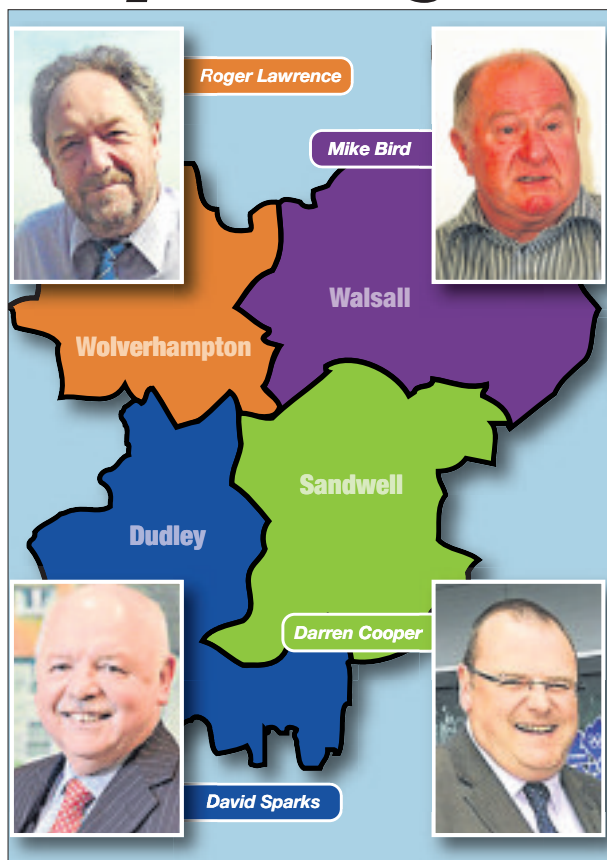
Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper believes an authority with political leadership would be able to do more. He said: "I wouldn't want a unitary authority because we could end up like Birmingham where that localism and the closeness of the community is lost. But an authority based on the model Roger has suggested would keep the best of both worlds."

Councillor Bird said: "I think we already work well together."

Paul Bennett, president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce called for a debate on the idea and said the region was in need of a change to help it attract the "transformational change" that had been seen in Birmingham and Manchester.

Dudley Labour MP Ian Austin, a former West Midlands regional minister, has backed the calls.

He said: "In the coming years there will be tens of thousands of jobs created in growth areas like digital media, advanced manufacturing and bio-technology, and we need to put ourselves in a position to attract them. That will only happen if we improve co-ordination on matters such as economic development, regeneration and transport."



The four areas that make up the Black Country region and their respective leaders

NEWS in brief

Visit to decide fate of extension

A HOMEOWNER in Stourbridge could be forced to pull down a recently-built rear extension after councillors decided to take a closer look at the work.

Owner Mr Jones, of Park Road West, Wollaston, built the extension without planning permission from Dudley Council.

Following complaints by a neighbour, he submitted an application - but that could be turned down after councillors raised concerns.

The council's development control committee said they wanted to visit the site.

New trees to be planted in park

NEW trees will be planted in a Dudley park after campaigners secured the help of conservationists.

More than 400 saplings will be placed in King George V Park, Wordsley, thanks to the parkland's friends group.

They have been given a free pack of saplings from the Woodland Trust to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The trees will be delivered next month for a ceremonial planting on November 17.

Search is on to find more talent

PERFORMERS can join in a regional talent contest, now in its sixth year, at a Netherton church.

Champions Church is hosting Midlands Got Talent this December. Auditions for the event will start next month.

Auditions will take place on November 3 and 10 at the church in Cinder Bank. Apply at www.championschurch.org.uk/ alert by October 22.

Get behind the scenes at castle

A DAY of behind-the-scenes tours of at Worcestershire County Museum will take place this month.

The museum, at Hartlebury Castle, is to allow visitors to learn more about its collections during on October 24.

Visitors will get a private tour of the museum's off-site stores from 11am to 12.30pm.

Jewellery stolen

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Dancing with joy



Dance teachers Jade Howells and Louise Edwards with youngsters from the academy

YOUNG dancers in the Black Country are celebrating after waltzing their way to success in their exams.

The pupils from Avia Dance Academy who train at the George Salter Academy, Claypit Lane, West Bromwich, and the Brook Street Community Centre, Tipton, were delighted to all pass their dance exams.

While the 70 youngsters, who are aged between three and 16, all passed, more than 20 of them gained the top honours grade. The dancers learn both street dance and freestyle, and the academy also offers lessons in contemporary dance. Jade Howells who runs the dance school said: "I am really very proud of them all. They have all worked so very hard, and these are our best grades yet."

Members of the academy are now gearing up for their annual presentation evening this week. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Ms Howells on 07870 738826.

Thieves are raiding 25 cars a week in the region

THIEVES are targeting an average of 25 cars a week in the Black Country, with sat navs, power tools and laptops being some of the most common items to be stolen.

by Shaun Jepson

Police across the region are stepping up their efforts to tackle the issue, particularly in the run-up to Christmas, which is when vehicles are often targeted because of gifts being left on display.

Figures show there were 716 vehicle crime incidents in the region in September and a further 768 in August.

A total of those crimes 306 were in Dudley, 472 in Sandwell, and 358 in Walsall and 343 in Wolverhampton.

Ch Insp Darren Walsh, from West Midlands Police, said the force was committed to tackling car crime.

"Tactics - including the use of capture cars, robust offender management and the criminal anti-social behaviour orders - continue to be used to drive vehicle crime down even further," he said.

"While we will not reveal specific details on how criminals are stealing or breaking into cars, in the vast

majority of cases, they are gaining access to the vehicle by smashing a side window to steal items left on display.

"These range from power tools, laptops, sat navs, items of clothing and even lose change.

"As with all crimes, the police and local people hold the answer to preventing car crime and, by sharing information, they are also central to our ability to bring criminals to justice."

Last week, a parked car was damaged after being set alight in Shawbury Road, Heath Town.

This summer, arsonists set fire to two cars in an attack in Tipton.

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LETTERS

Smaller authorities not bigger

THE business community's call for a single council for the Black Country falls into the trap of thinking we need the equivalent of Birmingham City Council.

On the contrary we and Brum need much smaller local authorities, working together with a strong democratically accountable West Midlands Regional Government.

Birmingham City Council is the result of a succession of enlargements taking in local communities formerly part of adjoining shire county areas driven by the Whitehall and business led mantra - bigger is better. Today it

neither has the clout to deal with the national or international and it is too big to connect with, and represent, the views of local communities. Just ask folks in Brum what they think.

The Business community acknowledge the significance of devolution of power to regional assemblies in Wales Scotland, Northern Ireland.

As important, has been the establishment and growing impact of the Greater London Authority and its elected Mayor. Nowhere in England have we a comparable set up with the equivalent clout.

The Black Country Business leaders

are calling for some radical ideas and the right framework to deliver implementation expeditiously and efficiently. So, let's go for it and campaign for real change; a downsizing and refocusing of Westminster and Whitehall with their functions and accountability being transferred to a new West Midlands Regional and local community based local government structure.

Black Country people don't need an authority to identify with the Black Country, its history and character.

GEORGE MORRAN
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Lack of growth is affecting the deficit

IT is important to remember the current budget deficit came about because of the collapse in tax revenues following the crash of 2008.

Up until that point the UK was running a debt to GDP ratio of about 45 percent which is roughly the same as that run by Margaret Thatcher when she was PM.

It is simplistic nonsense to suggest that had any other party been in power in 2008 the situation would have been any different.

The reason the deficit is not coming down is because we have no growth. Confidence in the UK was killed off by the Chancellor's first budget after the Coalition came to power and has not returned, up until then the economy was growing and borrowing was dropping.

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Angling for repairs to the big potholes

IN these days of officialdom and correctness, I wonder if anyone can inform me, am I covered by my National River Authority fishing licence, to fish in the Dudley borough's pot holes?

Being a keen angler, I have kept an eye on some of the well established ones, that seem to have been there for years, and can report that there is fish life in most of them.

To any anglers, tempted to try their skills, I would advise you to use traffic cones as protection when fishing, and maybe a flashing beacon when night fishing.

The locations of these pot holes, which are fishable, are easily found as they have been circled with a yellow spray paint. However, this may be faded in some cases, as the paint only lasts two years at the most.

So anglers, make sure you have a current licence, cones and shark repellent.

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Electorate have long memories Cameron

SO David Cameron is promising us a Referendum on our relationship with the EU but not until after the next election.

Is this the same promise he made in his election manifesto at the last election and which he promptly broke once elected?

He obviously considers us with contempt and makes promises he has no intention of keeping and by making these hollow promises the gullible electorate will fall for it.

I will remind him the electorate are not stupid and we do have long memories.

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NEWS

Ambulance service calls on support of volunteers

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service is calling on medical workers from a charity to help deal with an increase in emergency calls.

Around 30 full-time workers from St John Ambulance are being used by the service. The recruitment of the 15 two-man crews and their vehicles was triggered as part of a contingency plan by the ambulance service to combat a surge in calls.

The service has already temporarily cancelled much of staff training and essential meetings to deal with the unexpected levels.

Recently, the service revealed it was receiving 2,638 calls a day, up from 2,428 in the same period last year – a rise of 207 calls. Suzie Fothergill, spokeswoman for West Midlands Ambulance Service, said: "West Midlands Ambulance Service can confirm it holds a commercial contract with St John Ambulance."

"Their staff are used to provide assistance to the trust during periods of high demand." "As previously highlighted, the trust is under significant pressure with demand considerably above the levels expected for the time of year."

"We would, however, again ask the public to play their part and think before dialling 999. The trust would like to thank both service and St John Ambulance staff for all their efforts and hard work."

David Human, regional ambulance services manager for St John Ambulance in the West Midlands, said: "Our assistance to West Midlands Ambulance Service is an ongoing contract throughout the year."

Swimming lessons time

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Author returns home



Author Dave Lowe with Joshua Tombs and friends at Ambleside Primary School. A CHILDREN'S author returning to his Dudley roots found time to visit pupils for an afternoon talk.

Dave Lowe, now in Australia, called into Ambleside Primary School, School Drive, Ambleside, to chat about his new book, My Hamster Is A Genius, and signed

copies for pupils. He also took an answer and question session from the pupils, aged from six to nine.

His visit was arranged by the Dudley Children's Book Group. He was born and grew up in Dudley, but moved abroad to teach disadvantaged children.



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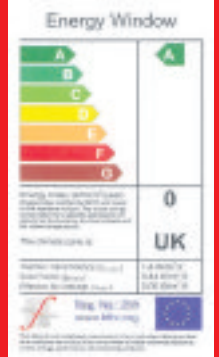
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NEWS

Facebook mother turns detective



Debbie Woodward with the Facebook page she used to track down the stolen motorbike

A MOTHER has used Facebook to turn detective and crack a crime with a dramatic result.

When thieves stole Debbie Woodward's daughter new motorbike, she turned to the networking site as a last resort in tracking it down. A page was set up by a family friend, with photographs of the black Kawasaki, and Mrs Woodward waited patiently for news - not holding out any great hopes of recovering her daughter's motorcycle.

But within three-and-a-half hours someone had left comments on the page, saying they had seen a black bike in a nearby park. Mother-of-two Mrs Woodward and her daughter Emma discovered the bike, which was a 30th birthday present, dumped in Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley.

The 51-year-old, who works at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley, said: "The Facebook page was absolutely wonderful. It was not the outcome we wanted but at least we have got a bit of closure."

"People often criticise these social networking sites but Facebook accomplished something for us in a few hours that would have taken days or weeks the old fashioned way. It also restored my faith in human nature."

The motorbike was taken from outside Mrs Woodward's home in Dalwood Close, Bilston on September 25 in the early morning. It was a Kawasaki ER6n 650, worth £4,500. It was discovered less than a mile away.



The burned-out wreckage of the motorbike

Gallery plan campaigners set date for consultation

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans to move Kidderminster Library's gallery and piano will hold their own public consultation.

They want to persuade Worcestershire County Council to rethink its decision to turn the second-floor gallery into offices for 130 workers.

When the move was first announced four months ago, arts and music groups in the town protested, prompting the council to put the plans on hold.

A public consultation was then held by the authority.

Smaller

The council's preferred option for the site is to convert the existing gallery into offices and create a smaller one with meeting rooms on the first floor.

A Steinway grand piano would be moved to the Corn Exchange next to the town hall, but the Friends of Kidderminster Library Gallery want their own consultation and will collect comments from people in the town on October 25.

They have already collected a 600-name petition

by Heather Large

in support of keeping the second-floor gallery. Campaign secretary Stephen Brown said members were still hopeful they could stop the plans from going ahead.

"The Friends do not accept the council's decision, this fight is far from over, and we intend to carry on and escalate our campaign," he said.

The council has said that 65 per cent of people backed the plans during the consultation.

But campaigners said only 83 people took part.

The council will now apply for planning permission for the work, which it claims will save £205,000 a year.

Libraries chief Councillor John Campion has previously said: "The reality is these savings need to be made and are not going away - and so we have no choice but to look at ways of reducing costs."

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NEWS

More medics recruited to cope with the winter

AMBULANCE bosses will recruit 20 extra graduate paramedics in the Midlands in preparation for the busy winter period which traditionally sparks a surge in 999 calls.

A dozen ambulance technicians are also being trained to boost the number of crews available to attend emergencies across the region. West Midlands Ambulance Service is investing £500,000 in its recruitment plans to help ease pressure on crews during the winter months.

The service's trust board has agreed to recruit the additional paramedics who will start work in November.

Additional overtime shifts will also be made available to maintain high staffing levels in the areas of most need, bosses said.

A team of GPs in Worcestershire is also being set up to provide treatment as alternative to taking patients to hospital.

The doctors will be available so ambulance staff can either refer patients to, or take them to, the GPs instead of taking them to accident and emergency.

Director of service delivery, Barry Thurston, said: "With demand already extremely high, finding new ways of working can only benefit staff and patients alike." The service is also looking at ways to help patients who have suffered a fall but may not need to go to hospital.

Ambulance service spokesman Murray MacGregor said around 20 per cent of calls made to the service during winter was about elderly people who had fallen in the home.

He added: "We don't want them to have to go through the stress of going to hospital."

£300 raised for cancer

VOLUNTEERS have raised more than £300 for a cancer charity with coffee mornings and raffles at three Worcestershire hospitals.

The events were part of Macmillan's national week of awareness raising - and the world's biggest coffee morning.

Vicar takes last service



Rev Ron Curtis is retiring from St Thomas's Church after eight years

A VICAR has bid a fond farewell to the community he has served for nearly eight years after deciding to retire.

Reverend Ron Curtis has led his final services as priest-in-charge at St Thomas's Church, Market Street, Stourbridge.

Rev Curtis celebrated his 65th birthday recently and felt the "time was right" to stand down from the position he has held since January

2005. He and his wife Claire will move to Oxfordshire to be closer to their family. They have twin sons Iain and Stuart, 33, and three grandchildren Oliver, three, Alexander, aged nine months, and five-week-old Daisy.

Mr Curtis said he would remember his time in Stourbridge fondly. He trained to become a fully-serving priest at 57, after spending 32 years working for customs and excise.

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NEWS

Only 9pc of 3,000 pleas on school places succeed

MORE than 3,000 parents in the Black Country and Staffordshire lodged appeals with councils after their children failed to get into their first choice schools, official figures show.

But just nine per cent of the 3,236 appeals lodged with local authorities by parents – or 295 – were successful.

According to the figures released by the Department for Education (DfE) which relate to infant, primary and secondary schools, Dudley parents submitted 505 appeals.

Councillor Sue Ridney a governor at Christ Church CE Primary School, Coseley, said: "We had 17 appeals at Christ Church and only one was successful so there were 16 sets of very disappointed parents."

"The appeal process is entirely independent and parents have the opportunity to put forward the case for why their child should get a place."

"Unfortunately when schools are popular they do get a lot of applications and there are only so many pupils they can admit to maintain safety and a high quality of learning."

Figures show Sandwell parents submitted 1,259 appeals. There were 574 in Staffordshire, 468 in Wolverhampton and 430 in Walsall. Figures relating to the 2010/11 academic year were just released by the DfE.

Total appeals made in the region were down from 3,419 the previous year.

Nationally 46,905 appeals were lodged.

Children's time at library

ACTIVITIES for children are being staged at Stourport Library.

There will be a Peter Rabbit colouring competition from October 22 until November 5. Youngsters can collect a colouring page of Peter Rabbit from the library.

There will also be a Bounce and Rhyme activity taking place on October 29 from 10:30am to 11am.

Arson fears over trees



John Homer, 70, with the damaged tree in the front garden of his property

ARSONISTS have set fire to dozens of trees in four attacks on one housing estate in Halesowen – sparking concerns from residents living nearby.

Mother-of-two Katie White, aged 38, of Uffmoor Estate, says she is worried by the pattern of fires, which have all happened within the past six weeks.

The latest attack happened early on October 9 outside her father, 70-year-old John Homer's house two

doors down from where she lives.

Mrs White, a self-employed ground maintenance worker, believes the fires are started by using flammable liquid.

She said: "Someone or people are targeting trees along our road at different times over the past few weeks – and I've heard its happening elsewhere too."

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Plans to build 40 homes look set to get approval

PLANS for more than 40 homes where 19th Century inventor and social reformer Sir Rowland Hill was born have been recommended for approval.

Developers want to transform the former telephone exchange site in Kidderminster which now stands in the same spot where the creator of the Penny Post lived in Blackwell Street.

Under the plans the building, which has been empty for 12 years, will be converted and extended. But the front, which dates back to the 1930s, with an art-deco staircase and plaque to Rowland Hill, will remain.

Forty-two apartments will be created by developer Blue Square Kidderminster Ltd.

The proposals were due to go before council-

lors at a but have already been recommended for approval by planning officers. Officer Julia Mellor said the proposed scheme would bring "a rundown building which has been the subject of vandalism and has been vacant for 12 years" back into active use.

The council's conservation officer has also welcomed the proposals, saying: "The retention of the art-deco staircase and imposing facade to Blackwell Street are to be applauded."

For many years developers have mooted proposals to transform the site but none of the schemes have got the nod.

Blue Square Kidderminster Ltd plans to build one and two bedroom apartments as well as studio flats.

Major scheme on view

A MULTI-million scheme to transform Stourbridge will be sent to the Secretary of State after residents have given their views on the blueprint plans.

Publication of the Stourbridge Area Action Plan was agreed at a full meeting of Dudley Council recently. A period of public consultation will be carried out until November 12 for residents to have their say on the scheme.

It is hoped the plan will be formally adopted at the end of 2013 to guide inward investment to the town centre well into the next decade.

Traders, developers and council-

lors helped to draw up the plan which includes proposals for new shops, offices and homes along with improvements to transport routes for walkers and cyclists and better public spaces.

Any suggestions made will then be considered and minor changes made to the document by council officers before it is sent to the Secretary of State early next year.

Improvements

Making improvements to the look of the town's ring road is also being seen as important to the future prosperity of the town to draw in new businesses.

Pathways for visitors to the River Stour and pedestrian crossing points

on parts of the ring road would also be created. Green space is also proposed along the banks of the River Stour to encourage wildlife and promote walking and cycling.

The plan will also improve the Stourbridge Wharf adjacent to the Stourbridge Town Arm Canal near the Bonded Warehouse.

Copies of the development plan can be found on Dudley Council's planning website, and can also be viewed in the council's offices at St James's Road, Dudley Council Plus, in Dudley, and Mary Stevens Park, in Stourbridge.

Council chiefs said the aim was to improve shopping and working in Stourbridge.

Bond thrill for film fans

FILM lovers are invited to beat the crowds by attending a charity screening of the latest James Bond blockbuster Skyfall one day before it opens.

The black tie screening at the Odeon Cinema, Foregate Street, Worcester on October 25 at 6.45pm will raise funds for the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust and The Prince's Trust.

Nick Ralls, Severn Valley Railway's general manager, said: "The screening promises to be a fun evening of entertainment and supports two excellent causes."

Tickets will cost £45 each. To book call 01905 792843.

Glamour pussies in tribute to Melaine



From the left, Sarah Cumberlidge, Alison Eccleshall, Gillon Bedward and Sheila Cumberlidge during the Glamour Puss Ball to honour Melaine Gardner

HOSPITAL staff have held a fundraising ball for a colleague who lost her battle against breast cancer.

Melaine Gardner, who worked as a clerical officer in the breast unit at the Birmingham Treatment Centre, was a dedicated fundraiser for Breast Cancer Care and was also the national face of the charity's campaign to raise awareness about secondary breast cancer. Melaine, from Handsworth, died last December, leaving daughter Gelana, aged 21, and ten-year-old son Richard. The Glamour Puss Ball was held in her honour at the Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill. It was organised by colleagues at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust.

Colleague Lyn Prime, clerical officer at the breast unit, said: "As Melaine was always immaculately turned out with her nails done we decided to call it the Glamour Puss Ball after her."



Melaine Gardner

£250,000 from the sale of SVR shares

MORE than £250,000 has been raised from the sale of shares in the Severn Valley Railway in just one week, overjoyed bosses say.

The heritage railway is looking to generate up to £3million to fund restoration work and the redevelopment of one of its stations.

Last week, three million shares priced at £1 were made available to raise the money to build the centre, station gateway and spectator gallery at Bridgnorth railway station and to create a heritage engineering and building training academy.

Further ideas include restoring the Hagley Hall locomotive - which has not worked for more than 23 years - and carrying out further maintenance to the line and its infrastructure to preserve it for decades to come.

Directors of the railway will be at Kidderminster and Bridgnorth stations to answer questions from potential investors at the annual members and shareholders event this weekend. They will officially launch the share offer document Share the Passion.

General manager, Nick Ralls, said: "We've had an amazing response with more than £250,000 raised so far."

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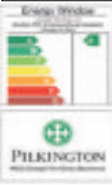
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The Chronicle series has teamed up with the organisers to give 20 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets.

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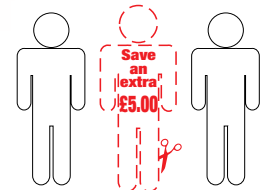
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CLUB NEWS

National Service is talk topic

PENN TOWNSWOMEN

CHAIRMAN Ursula McInnes welcomed everyone back after the summer break. After the Guild Business, she introduced Sue Clegg a retired police officer specialising in fingerprints. It takes five years training and every print is unique. She helped to identify the victims of the tsunami and because other countries keep records of their population's fingerprints, many more of their victims were able to be identified as opposed to British victims.

It was also intriguing how some crimes are solved by the tiniest bit of evidence. The social evening was a Beetle Drive, always good fun. For the social studies Ed Shore gave an amusing and anecdotal talk asking whether National Service should be brought back.

After the Second World War, most young men reaching 18 years of age were called up for National Service. Some got deferred to 21 because they were serving an apprenticeship or were at university. He told how young innocent lads, most of whom had never been away from home, were sent to square-bashing camps for the first six weeks.

They were then sent on training for an occupation usually totally opposite to what they were doing before being called up.

October 24 is an Autumn Supper for members only. Meetings are held at Penn United Community Hall, Penn Road at 7.30pm.

Rain fails to dampen Botanical Gardens trip



The Loudon Terrace at Birmingham Botanical Gardens which was visited by the club

MEMBERS of MyTime Over Fifties had a busy September with a Sunday lunch, visits to Broughton Castle near Banbury, Bristol and the Botanical gardens in Birmingham. This visit was very successful, a gentle walk round, beautiful planting to admire, lunch in the excellent café and the usual rain - but only at the end of the visit.

Ms Valerie Williams was September's speaker. Valerie is a reflexologist and her passion for this shone throughout her excellent talk. Many of the members and visitors had heard of reflexology but were not fully

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

aware of its uses as a complementary therapy in the fight for good health and fitness.

Valerie trained at Halesowen College and is also qualified in Indian head massage. The audience was very interested in her talk and thanks was gratefully given.

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Amblecote room at Stourbridge Town Hall. On October 24 Sheena Williams asks "When Should You Start Considering Care?"

Bear facts about arctophile

CODSALL WOOD WI

IT was a busy summer with an outing to the Black Country Museum in July, a walk followed by fish and chip supper in August and a visit to Stokesay Court and Ludlow in September.

Following the business the September meeting was entitled "Come for a Hug".

Gaynor Woodward is an arctophile, ie a collector of bears. She brought with her

a selection of bears which she had made, and everyone was invited to hug a bear.

Gaynor makes bears from different fabrics, mohair being the most expensive at £140 a metre. She is now using manmade fabrics because of the cost. The

bears come in all colours. Glass pellets are used to give smaller bears a bit of weight.

Gaynor can make any size of bear and makes bears to order. Many of hers were dressed. In her own words 'you are never too old to love a bear'.

The next meeting on October 25 at St Peter's Hall will feature an evening with Elizabeth Arden.



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Children were often in the chain shop because women had little alternative for youngsters not in school



Women chainmakers working at the Harry Stevens chainmaking shop in Oak Street, Old Hill around 1910

How Mary's wage fight set off chain of events

THE Black Country Museum is due to hold an event on Saturday (20) to commemorate the actions of Cradley Heath's women chainmakers.

The 1910 Cradley Heath women chainmakers' 'lock-out' strike was a significant step in the development of a universal minimum wage.

It began in 1903 when Mary Reid Macarthur was appointed women's trade union leader and member of the federation of women workers. During a visit to Empire Theatre in Cradley Heath she saw dreadful poverty and was shocked by the infant mortality rate.

At the time the average woman chain worker was receiving about four to five shillings a week, around one third of a union-affiliated worker's wage and barely enough to provide shelter and cheap coal for their family.

In 1906 Charles Dilke pro-

posed the establishment of a trade board that would look into fixing the minimum wage of those women in the 'sweated trade'.

After years of hard work a government bill was introduced that saw the creation of a wage board headed by a youthful Winston Churchill and made up of a barrister, six chainmasters and six people to represent the workers.

Loophole

Talks got underway and a minimum wage was agreed of two and a half pence per hour for those that worked in the factory and three and a half from those that worked from home.

However employers found a loophole that meant that the wage increase could be held back by nine months, long enough to stockpile chain and then lay off workers, with Mary Macarthur taking the blame. Enraged Mary

organised strikes at chainmakers, the first being in Graingers lane.

She managed to get wealthy benefactors to donate money to continue to pay the women. Among those that donated was George Cadbury, a well-known social reformer. He pledged £10 a week to help the action.

The strike began on August 21 and lasted 10 weeks when employers finally agreed to pay the agreements made on the trade board on time.

The chainmakers saw an increase of up to 150 per cent in the amount that they earned. This event was one of the first assurances of a minimum wage for women workers in British history.

The family day at Dudley's Black Country Museum will feature a recreation of the women chainmakers' 10-week strike with a procession of period flags and banners as well as street entertainment.



Mary Macarthur acknowledges the ovation of the women



A close up of some of the women at Harry's shop in Old Hill



The national Reynolds Newspaper joined in the lock-out rumpus with this cartoon featuring former slave Booker Washington, who rose to fame as an author and was visiting at the time of the strike

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All 39 LEPs in the country will receive the funding, which will be followed by £250,000 in each of the next two financial years as long as the group can match the funding locally.

The government's decision comes after an all-party parliamentary group report recommended LEPs needed annual funding to support their work.

Ninder Johal, of the Black Country LEPs said: "We welcome this news which will mean core funding is available to help us drive forward our plans for growth in the Black Country."

A-maize-ing summer



Luke Sadler invites visitors to Kinver's Maize Maze

A TOURIST attraction is celebrating a successful year after receiving around 2,000 visitors over the summer months – despite the bad weather.

The Maize Maze at Kinver Edge Farm, Sandy Lane, was given a London theme this year to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Ian Sadler, who runs the Maze and farm shop, said the attraction had enjoyed a large number of visitors.

People have until the end of the month to visit the 10-acre maze site before it closes for this year.

Admission is £5 for adults and £4 for concessions.

Cautious welcome to hospital being saved

SUPPORTERS of Kidderminster Hospital – once at risk of closure due to reshaping of health services – have given a cautious welcome to news that it looks certain to stay open. Kidderminster Hospital Alliance has pledged to monitor the situation.

The organisation said it would keep up the pressure to make sure it gets the best level of services for the district. The alliance recently handed over a 13,000-name petition against the loss of any services from the hospital. NHS Worcestershire chiefs have now outlined aspects of their review.

They say it will focus upon continuing to deliver services from all three of the county's acute hospitals – Kidderminster, the Alexandra at Redditch, and Worcestershire Royal.

But campaigners are anxious to hear what changes might be made to services at each hospital, although NHS Worcestershire says the Alexandra Hospital is the one most likely to be affected.

Stephen Brown, secretary of Kidderminster Hospital Alliance, said: "It's good news in one way because we were concerned the

review would have a really big impact on Kidderminster and could mean closure.

"But it doesn't tell us anything about the detail of what services will be provided at Kidderminster."

"And we are keen to keep what we've got." The alliance will meet to consider its next move following the latest announcement.

Seat

Dr Richard Taylor, the former Wyre Forest MP who won his seat after the last campaign to save Kidderminster Hospital in 2001, said: "There's no way they can take away anything else from Kidderminster without harming services in the whole county."

Eamon Kelly, chief executive of NHS Worcestershire, said: "The Alexandra Hospital is the site most likely to be affected."

New owners in gym rescue bid

NEW owners have jumped in to buy a closure-threatened gym, saving 13 jobs.

Fitness First in Kidderminster had told its eight full-time staff, cleaner and six part-time instructors in the summer that it would close in January.

But now 24/7 Fitness has come to the rescue, investing around £250,000 to keep the club open.

All eight full-time jobs have been saved, but there is no longer work for two of the instructors. The new owners will be extending the club's opening hours – to round-the-clock.

The gym, which currently has 2,300 members, has lowered prices and will offer a wide range of classes for £17.95 a month, or £19.95 for anyone on a "no contract" membership. Gary Lockwood, managing director of 24/7 Fitness, said: "We are looking to increase membership to 3,000 by this time next year and, if that happens, I expect that we would need to take on two more staff."

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Home improvement scheme to help older homeowners

An innovative, council home improvement scheme to help older homeowners is offering a greater range of services to people struggling to improve or maintain their properties.

Dudley Council's home improvement service offers help to homeowners aged 55 and over to finance and organise their home improvements, renovations or adaptations.

The service has been developed specifically to help older people who own their homes but who may be struggling to improve or maintain them as a result of a low income or simply because it presents too much of a challenge to them.

It offers practical advice and guidance, as well as support with organising suitable finance through independent financial advice. A range of loans specially developed for older people are available, including some with no monthly repayments.

During a free home visit, the work that is needed is discussed with an experienced council officer. A home visit from an independent financial advisor is also offered if required. Here advice is available on the best financial product to suit the individual's own circumstances.

A complete project management service is also available – to all customers, whether finance is being arranged or not. Here staff will organise and manage all of the building or improvement works on the customer's behalf to make the experience as stress free as possible.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning comments: "I would encourage homeowners across Dudley borough, who are over 55 and are thinking about home improvements, adaptations or modernisation to contact the Dudley home improvement service for advice and support."

"This free service aims to help older people continue living independently in warm, safe, secure and well maintained homes."

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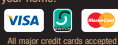
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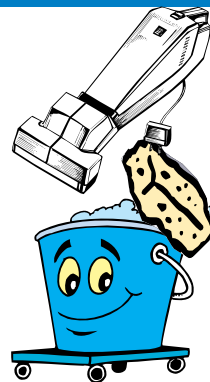
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ATTRACTIVE tall, black female, 51, 6ft, slim-medium build, kind, honest, considerate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 6ft plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 349211

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy, slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-36 to enjoy romantic nights. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 317945

LADY 76, N/S, caring, respectable, WLTm gentleman, 70-76 for outings, holidays, day trips and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 340021

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 44, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 339799

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, tactile, no ties, WLTm kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 378483

LYNN 37, single mum, petite slim and very pretty, seeking caring funny guy to be with and become my Mr Wonderful. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386633

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INDIAN male, UK born, seeks white English female, 35-45 to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397509

JAMES 56, 5ft 9ins, professional, OHAC, independent, no lies, seeking loving relationship with likeminded woman. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397473

57YR old male, good looking, seeking female for fun times and nights in. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397463

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IAN 44, single dad, loving, caring, honest, seeks similar female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392874

WEST Midlands single guy 60, strong, WLTm affectionate lady, your place or mine for uncommitted enjoyment. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396807

BRIAN 60's, ordinary man, strong needs, seeks affectionate lady for close friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396765

JOE 45, GSOH, attractive, medical professional, seeks female for daytime fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396671

SINGLE dad, 39, on a budget, seeking an outgoing, fun female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393012

42YR old single dad, nice looking, genuine, honest, seeking special female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396611

HEREFORD male, 46, looking for single lady, slim, attractive, adventurous for fun and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396705

32YR old slim, dark haired male, adventurous, creative, likes music, walks, cycling, photography, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392753

39YR old single dad, likes cosy nights in, seeks single, slim lady for fun relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396061

CLIVE 46, seeking hot chick for plenty of action. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392772

JOSEPH 40 tall, GSOH, seeks female, 26-48 for fun and relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394103

TIGER Woods lookalike, seeks big beautiful woman for fun and games. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393737

MALE 70's widow, kind, honest, caring, likes socialising, holidays, nights in/out, seeks loving female for respectful, caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393559

MALE 50, medium build, likes socialising, nights out, clubs, seeks female with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397355

JOHN 44, seeks black/Asian female, 25-65 for daytime/evening meets, looks/size unimportant. Can travel only. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397339

ATTRACTIVE male, 55, seeks older female, 50-70 for close, adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397189

STRICTLY come dancing. Male 52, trendy, honest, caring, down to earth, fun loving, seeks petite lady, 45-54. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397163

JIMMY 53 good looking, fit, genuine, honest, very loving and looking for the same in a woman. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397157

GENUINE male, 43, brown eyes, 5ft 10ins, outgoing, adventurous, seeks slim-average build female, 30-40. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396289

GOOD looking 48yr old male, GSOH, honest, caring, loyal, hurt in past, looking for loving female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394159

PROFESSIONAL male, 42, hurt in past, seeks female, 32-40. Single mum welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392765

NAUGHTY 40 something, tall, smart, GSOH, seeks lady for rainy days and Sundays. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392665

TOM 62, fit, likes tennis, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392659

MALE 38, seeks female, any age for daytime fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392645

GOOD looking 39yr old male, likes pubs, music, walks, swimming, seeks nice female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392943

51YR old male, 6ft, dark hair, single parent, likes most things, sports, seeks slim, honest, caring female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392933

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STEVE 39, 5ft 9ins, medium build, likes walks, seeks female, slim-medium build, single mum welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396709

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GAY male, 34, slim, toned, seeking older guy for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395735

BI male, divorced, young, fit 50, own home/business, seeks male, 18-45 for good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391849

MALE 58, youthful, serene nature, understanding, loyal, honest, seeks similar mature female for everlasting relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391833

What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 20.10.12

CHOICE



Sunetra Sarker

Casualty

BBC1, 9.10pm

It's a disastrous day for Zoe. One minute she is doing her shopping, the next she's struggling to deal with a suspected E-coli outbreak when shop-worker Simon collapses. To make matters worse, she's nearly run down by an elderly driver seeking help for his sick wife, and Ms Hanna's TV interview regarding the outbreak is taken out of context, creating bad blood for the staff. Meanwhile, a young lad merrily playing in a bottling factory has a narrow escape when he gets his hand caught in a conveyor belt. Sunetra Sarker heads the cast.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel's Kitchen. **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.30** Racing from Ascot. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News: Regional News. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. The pro-celebrity couples take their inspiration from the silver screen in this movie-themed show, with the judges deciding who is a blockbuster and who is a box-office flop. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

8.25 Merlin. A stranger gives Arthur the power to summon the dead, so he seizes the chance to speak to the person he misses most – his father, Uther Pendragon.

9.10 Casualty. Zoe struggles to deal with the fallout of a suspected E-coli outbreak and Dylan is touched by an elderly patient who has lost his beloved wife.

10.00 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Myleene Klass presents live from National Lottery HQ as the all-important winning numbers are revealed. Includes the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

10.10 BBC News: Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, which included Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea at White Hart Lane and Manchester United v Stoke City at Old Trafford. National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.20** Weather. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Film: Apache Territory. (1958) **1.15** Film: The Deadly Companions. (1961) **2.45** Live International Rugby League. **5.00** Wartime Farm.

6.00 Escape to the Country. Presenter Jules Hudson helps a newly married couple find their dream home in the Shropshire countryside on a budget of £400,000. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Paul Martin visits Weymouth, Dorset, to meet people eager to sell their antiques at auction. He also discovers various uses for the Isle of Portland's famous stone. (R)

7.30 Maid in Britain. Exploring the portrayals of domestic servants on TV, asking why butlers, cooks and nannies are still found in programmes after the decline of their roles in real life. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring lets Frazer take charge of the platoon, gambling that a taste of authority will give him a more responsible attitude. (R)

9.00 01 XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz, with Jack Whitehall, Jimmy Carr, Cal Wilson and Alan Davies answering fiendish questions about joints.

9.45 The Thick of It. Hour-long episode of the political comedy. Politicians from both sides of the House are under pressure as they appear before an inquiry into the suicide of the key-worker.

10.45 Film: Kill Bill: Vol 1. (2003) Martial arts thriller, starring Uma Thurman. **12.30** How the Brits Rocked America: Go West. **1.30** Film: Darkness. (2002) **3.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dinner Date. Australia. **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.25** Film: Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot. (1992) **3.00** Film: Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith. (2005) **5.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.50** ITV News: Weather.

6.05 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a fresh selection of comical clips filmed by viewers on their camcorders, mobile phones and webcams.

6.35 Footie Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly. Last in the series.

7.05 Take Me Out. A plasterer from Sheffield, an Essex student, a van driver from Birmingham and a London furniture designer try to impress 30 single women and win a date. Paddy McGuinness presents.

8.20 The X Factor. The third live studio round, with the four judges and voting public alike eager to experience more barnstorming vocal performances by the contestants. Dermot O'Leary hosts. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With David Mitchell, Bradley Cooper, Steven Tyler, Joe Perry and Emeli Sandé. Last in the series.

11.35 Film: Jarhead. (2005) Gulf War drama, starring Jake Gyllenhaal.

1.45 The Store. **ITV News** Headlines. **3.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **3.50** Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British Formula Ford. **7.25** Freesports on 4. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Ellie Goulding: iTunes Festival 2012 Special. (R) **9.25** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.30** T4: Revenge. **11.25** T4: Suburgatory. **11.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.25** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.25** Come Dine with Me: Ireland.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Comedy World Cup. David Tennant hosts the second semi-final, which sees Jason Manford, Paul Chowdhury and Nicholas Parsons facing off against Omid Djalili, Daniel Sloss and Joe Pasquale.

8.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers. Last in the series.

9.15 Film: The Taking of Pelham 123. (2009) Premiere. Criminals hijack a New York subway train and threaten to kill the passengers unless they are paid \$10million. Thriller remake, with Denzel Washington.

11.20 Film: High Crimes. (2002) A leading attorney fights to prove her husband's innocence after the military accuse him of killing villagers in El Salvador. Thriller, starring Ashley Judd.

1.30 Hollyoaks. **3.40** Emily's Song. (R) **3.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.50** Countdown. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.30** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** Dallas. (R) **11.55** CSI: NY. (R) **12.50** CSI: NY. (R) **1.45** Film: Murder Among Friends. (2001) Detective thriller, starring Greg Evigan. **3.30** Film: Deadly Honey. (2010) Mystery, starring Zoe Lister-Jones. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15** Film: El Dorado. (1986) An ageing gunfighter and a drunken town sheriff are drawn into the conflict between a land-grabbing cattle baron and a ranching family. Western, with John Wayne and Robert Mitchum.

7.50 Film: The Devil's Brigade. (1968) Elite Canadian troops are forced to work with American convicts on a mission in the Norwegian mountains. Adventure, starring William Holden and Cliff Robertson.

10.20 CSI: Miami. Horatio and the team investigate the murders of two former members of a sorority and suspect a third woman, who was humiliated years earlier by the victims. Guest starring Bo Derek.

11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Three teenagers are murdered while putting up posters to promote hip-hop star Dollar, raising fears that competition between rival rappers has taken on a deadly dimension. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** House Doctor. Home improvements. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. British religious art. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Islands. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. Mr Carbetter wants to be more modern. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Match of the Day Live: Women's International Football. France v England (Kick-off 7.50pm). **10.00** Live at the Apollo **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** Family Guy

BBC Four **7.00** Human Planet **8.00** Horizon: Global Weirding **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** The Final Frontier? A Horizon Guide to the Universe **11.45** Order and Disorder with Jim Al-Khalili

ITV2 **3.10** The Hit Factory: The Stock Aitken & Waterman Story **4.10** The X Factor USA **6.10** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **8.00** Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **10.20** The Xtra Factor **11.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip

ITV3 **3.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.00** Murder, She Wrote **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Endeavour **11.05** Film: Arthur 2: On the Rocks (1988)

ITV4 **2.30** Film: Support Your Local Sheriff (1968) **4.25** British Superbike Championship Highlights **6.00** Superbikes – When Britain Ruled the World **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Highlander (1986) **11.20** Film: Midnight Run (1988)

E4 **4.20** Rules of Engagement **5.20** Baggage **6.25** The Big Bang Theory **7.50** Suburgatory **8.20** Film: Jumper (2008) **10.00** Film: 28 Weeks Later (2007)

Film4 **3.15** James and the Giant Peach (1996) **4.50** The Nutty Professor (1985) **7.00** Drilbit Taylor (2008) **9.00** In Her Shoes (2005) **11.35** Final Destination 3 (2006)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 21.10.12

CHOICE



Holly Willoughby

Surprise Surprise

ITV1, 7pm

Holly Willoughby will be giving members of the public the biggest surprise of their lives as Cilla Black's classic show returns, minus the flame-haired diva herself. We have been promised a number of tear-jerking surprises and dramatic family reunions as Holly and guests help make some dreams of a lifetime come true. In the opener, a soldier faces his biggest fear, and a friend gives his best mate the gift of life. The Saturdays surprise a devoted fan and a couple are reunited with something very special after more than four decades.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 Exiled: The Ugandan Asian Story. 12.45 Country Tracks. (R) 1.40 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.40 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.25 Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) 4.25 Lifeline. 4.35 Points of View. 4.50 Songs of Praise. 5.30 Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R)

6.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 6.20 Countryfile. The campaign to save Beachy Head lighthouse's red and white stripes.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Two more couples performs the dance-off, and Dionne Warwick sings. 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to Port Sunlight on the Wirral, where objects include a stash of advertising signs found on a tip, a religious painting and part of an Apollo spaceship. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 Andrew Marr's History of the World. The growth in trade and the spread of capitalism. 10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Sunderland v Newcastle United. 11.25 The Graham Norton Show. (R)

12.10 Film: Drop Dead Gorgeous. (1999) 1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 Sign Zone: The Choir. Sing While You Work. (R) 2.45 Holly City. (R) 3.45 The Paradise. (R) 4.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Live MotoGP. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.35 MotoGP. (R) 2.05 Triathlon. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.30 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R)

6.30 Family Towers. Basil goes behind Sybil's back to save money on structural alterations to the hotel – but ends up paying dearly for his underhand tactics. John Cleese stars. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to go motor racing for less than it costs to play golf. With rock star Slash and F1 driver Kimi Raikkonen. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Secret Universe: The Hidden Life of the Cell. Documentary showing what happens to a single human cell as it comes under attack from a virus, demonstrating how it defends itself from the hostile organisms. David Tennant narrates.

9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas and products being pitched to the panel include an online store for second-hand goods, a horror-themed paintball experience and a darts invention.

10.00 You've Been Trumped. Documentary about homeowners taking on American billionaire Donald Trump's plans to build a huge golf resort on an environmentally sensitive site in Aberdeenshire.

11.30 Hebburn. (R) 12.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 12.30 Film: Scenes of a Sexual Nature. (2006) 2.00 BBC News.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 House Gift. (R) 10.25 There's No Taste Like Home. (R) 11.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 12.25 ITV News: Weather. 12.35 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.30 The FA Cup Draw. 2.00 The X Factor. (R) 4.00 The Home of Fabulous Cakes. 5.00 Downton Abbey. (R)

6.00 Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. The owners of a beach cafe prepare a seafood paella. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News: Weather.

7.00 Surprise Surprise. New series. Holly Willoughby takes over hosting duties from Cilla Black in the return of the show that makes dreams come true. Featuring the Saturdays and Jensen Button.

8.00 The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary announces the outcome of the viewers' phone-in and the two least popular acts have to sing for survival.

9.00 Downton Abbey. Tempers fray as a civil gesture by Isobel backfires. Mary fights Branson's corner when his decisions are put under scrutiny and Robert and Cora's relationship suffers.

10.05 ITV News: Weather. 10.20 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Felicity Kendal. The actress talks about her eventful personal life. (R)

11.20 Strictly Kosh. Conclusion. Bernette Clarke talks about the Jewish mourning period.

12.15 The Store. ITV News Headlines. 2.15 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 3.30 Motorsport UK. 4.20 Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Channel 4 Presents – Hannah. (R) 7.05 Terrex Adventure Race. 8.00 Will & Grace. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 11.35 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Film: Star Trek: Insurrection. (1998) 3.50 Deal or No Deal. 4.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.55 Channel 4 News.

6.00 Film: Inkheart. (2008) Premiere. A man able to bring books to life accidentally lets a fictional villain into the real world. Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser, Andy Serkis and Helen Mirren.

8.00 How Britain Worked. New series. Engineering enthusiast Greg Martin celebrates the workers of the Industrial Revolution by re-creating some of the 19th century's most impressive technical achievements.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie prepares for what she hopes is a triumphant return to the CIA, while Brody learns the Gettysburg bomb-maker is on a terrorist watch list.

10.00 Friday Night Dinner. Mum and Dad are not on speaking terms after an argument. 10.30 Film: Ghost. (1990) A murdered executive's spirit enlists the help of a fake psychic to help his girlfriend bring his killer to justice. Romantic fantasy, starring Demi Moore.

12.55 American Football Live. 4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) 4.50 Grudge Match. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Castle Farm. (R) 6.50 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Play! (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 City of Friends. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Toby's Travelling Circus. 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.45 Jelly Jam. (R) 10.00 Great Birmingham Run. 12.00 Looney Tunes. (R) 12.05 Highland Emergency. (R) 12.35 Cowboy Builders. (R) 1.35 Film: Fun with Dick and Jane. (1976) 3.20 Film: Sleepless in Seattle. (1993) 5.20 Film: Dumbo. (1941)

6.45 5 News Weekend. 6.50 Film: U-571. (2000) American forces board a Nazi submarine in the hope of seizing an Enigma coding machine. Second World War adventure, starring Matthew McConaughey.

9.00 Film: The Book of Eli. (2009) Premiere. A man travels across a post-apocalyptic America carrying a book believed to hold the key to mankind's future. Action adventure, with Denzel Washington.

11.20 Film: Collateral Damage. (2002) Action thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.30 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.45 Rough Guide To. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three 7.00 Be Your Own Boss 8.00 Gavin & Stacey 9.00 Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents 10.00 American Dad! 10.45 Family Guy 11.25 Cuckoo 11.55 Russell Howard's Good News

BBC Four 7.00 The Grammar School: A Secret History 8.00 Michael Wood: The Story of India 9.00 Film: The Leader, His Driver and the Driver's Wife (1991) 10.10 World War Two: 1942 and Hitler's Soft Underbelly 11.40 Michael Wood: The Story of India

ITV2 3.30 Film: Garfield (2004) 4.45 Take Me Out 5.55 Take Me Out – The Gossip 6.45 Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) 9.00 The Xtra Factor Results 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Girlfr!3nds 11.50 The Vampire Diaries

ITV3 4.55 Film: Carry On Cruising (1962) 6.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Forensic Casebook with Matthew Kelly 10.00 Film: Interview with the Vampire (1994)

ITV4 10.30 Live British Touring Car Championship. 6.30 UEFA Champions League Greatest Matches 6.45 Film: The Last Sunset (1961) 9.00 Film: Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) 11.30 Film: Lethal Weapon 2 (1989)

E4 3.15 Made in Chelsea 4.15 New Girl 4.45 Suburgatory 5.10 Revenge 6.05 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Stardust (2007) 10.30 Darren Brown: Evening of Wonders

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines, Channel 5, 9pm
John Connor finds his destiny to lead the human race in a future war is catching up with him when an advanced new Terminator in female form is sent back in time to eliminate him. However, a reprogrammed cyborg has also been dispatched to act as his protector. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl, Claire Danes and Kristanna Loken. (2003)

TUESDAY

At First Sight, BBC1, 11.35pm

An architect embarks on a whirlwind romance with a blind masseur, and persuades him to undergo an operation to regain his sight. However, her kind intentions backfire as the pressures of coping with his new world threaten to tear apart their fledgling relationship. Romantic drama, starring Val Kilmer, Mira Sorvino, Kelly McGillis and Nathan Lane. (1999)

WEDNESDAY

Revolutionary Road, BBC2, 11.20pm

Married couple Frank and April Wheeler live a picture-perfect life on the surface, but in truth are growing frustrated with their lot and feel stifled by their situation. When April suggests the family moves to France to start a new life, Frank is persuaded it is a good idea, though when he is offered a stable job with a lucrative pay packet he changes his mind, leaving April a desperate figure longing for an escape. Sam Mendes' 1950s-set drama, starring Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio, Michael J Shannon and Kathy Bates. (2008)



Revolutionary Road, Wednesday, BBC2, 11.20pm

THURSDAY

Wishing Well, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A shallow journalist is sent to write an article about a supposedly magical wishing well in a far-off town. However, she finds her life transformed when she returns home to find no one from her past remembers her. Fantasy drama, starring Jordan Ladd, Ernest Borgnine, Tempest Bledsoe, Sally Kellerman, Jadin Gould, Kyle T Heffner, and Kevin Kirkpatrick. (2009)

FRIDAY

Death Race, Channel 5, 9pm

Jensen Ames is framed for the murder of his wife and sent to Terminal Island Prison, a facility that broadcasts the highly profitable Death Race, a high-octane event where convicts battle to the death in customised cars. When a popular driver dies, crooked prison warden Hennessey persuades Ames to take his place, claiming he will be released if he is victorious. Sci-fi thriller, starring Jason Statham, Joan Allen, Ian McShane, Tyrese Gibson, Natalie Martinez, Max Ryan, Jacob Vargas and Jason Clarke. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Michael goes nuts in Brazilian adventure

If you do a search on the Internet for 'Brazil with Michael Palin', chances are the results will feature a 1985 film directed by his old Monty Python mate Terry Gilliam.

In it, Palin subverts his nice-guy image by playing Jack Lint, a hard-working but unscrupulous torturer who is loyal only to the regime that employs him.

We can assure viewers that Palin won't be appearing as that character in this new, four-part series. Instead, he's back to his affable best and back on the road.

After spending the past 25 years travelling the world for our entertainment, you would think that Palin had been everywhere, wouldn't you?

It's true that the comedian-turned-actor-turned-globetrotter has more stamps in his passport than most people, but there's one place he's never been to, and it happens to be the fifth-biggest country on the planet – Brazil.

"I'd spent one night there in 1996, on the way from South Africa to Chile to fly to the South Pole, and had seen

nothing except the salesmen on Copacabana Beach," he says.

Brazil is a nation that, over the next four years, will increasingly be in the spotlight because not only will it host football's World Cup in 2014, it's also the next host country of the Olympic Games in 2016.

Palin begins his tour in the north east, which was once an area populated by European settlers who grew wealthy by exploiting slave labour; now it has a vibrant mix of cultures.

In São Luis, he learns about a 200-year-old ceremony performed on its backstreets, goes dancing, and samples life with the local area's old-style cowboys.

Then it's on to Salvador, where Palin learns about the religion of Candomblé and tries African drumming before rounding off the first leg of his tour by taking a trip on a traditional saveiro boat.

"It was a thrilling journey, full of great sensations, and provided I can stay on my feet, I think this Brazil series has the potential to be very special."

But even if it isn't, you get the impression that Palin will shrug it off, and continue to smile. "My general feeling is that I'm extraordinarily fortunate to be alive and try and look at each day as an enormous opportunity."

Another reason for Palin's stability is his happy home life. He's been married to childhood sweetheart Helen since 1966, and they have three adult children – Tom, Will and Rachel. However, none of them accompany him on his travels. "It's difficult enough to make these journeys with a crew of seven," he explains. "There's no time for family life really, it's a sort of commando raid – a little group of people who all have something to do – and you wouldn't take your granny on a commando raid."

"Also, my wife is quite happy to let me get on with doing this. She's got used to it over the years. Even before I was doing travel shows I'd be filming away for six weeks at a time. Now the children are grown up it's much easier."

He may only just have returned, but we're already looking forward to his next trip.



Brazil with Michael Palin, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Jamie's 15 Minute Meals
Channel 4, 5pm

Throughout this – fast-paced – new series (of which he's written a book in the same vein), Jamie has improved on his 30-minute-meals series a couple of years back, appealing to all the microwave-loving haphazard cooks and mums-on-the-go in demonstrating that in the time it takes to heat up a ready-meal, with a bit of organisation, a delicious feast can be cooked from scratch. Each half-hour episode will feature two super-fast, nutritious family meals, beginning with chilli con carne meatballs, plus sticky kickin' chicken.

Monroe

ITV1, 9pm

It looks like there's romance in the air for Monroe (James Nesbitt) and Lizzie (Tracy-Ann Oberman). Of course, nothing goes to plan in Gabriel's world, so there's little surprise when their date doesn't quite go as expected. The medics have plenty on their plate when Sally Indale (Jennifer Hennessey) is admitted. She has a history of fitting and aggressive episodes, so when she has an MRI scan, the surgeons are amazed to find an aneurysm 'the size of the Isle of Wight' deep in her temporal lobe. If Sally agrees to a frightening operation – hypothermic circulatory arrest – Monroe believes he can restore her old personality.

TUESDAY

Rolf's Animal Clinic
Channel 5, 8pm

For 10 years, Rolf Harris was the host of much-

loved BBC series Animal Hospital. Now he's back with this similarly themed new series. Rolf's Animal Clinic sets up shop at the University of Liverpool's Leahurst campus, which is home to one of the UK's top veterinary colleges. It also operates three specialist hospitals treating cats and dogs, horses and farm animals, and two teams of mobile vets. The first patient is Millie, a family's pet horse who is brought in with a life-threatening case of colic and needs emergency surgery. There's also a chance to meet two very excitable alpacas, a pet pig with an unsightly lump and a bulldog who's been put on a diet. It must be just like old times for Rolf!

WEDNESDAY

Grand Designs
Channel 4, 9pm

If you want to live in one of west London's most exclusive areas, sometimes you have to be a little creative with space management, as Audrey and Jeff know only too well. They plan to transform a listed Edwardian artist's studio – along with 5,000 sq ft of derelict basement – into a bespoke subterranean home. The des res will feature a supersize kitchen, mezzanine sitting room, four en-suite bedrooms, a gym, cinema, steam room and wine cellar. It's a tricky enough task with proper architect's drawings, but they have made a rod for their backs by opting to go ahead without. Audrey is project-managing, but it's not long before they have hit the first of many problems.

DCI Banks

ITV1, 9pm

DCI Banks and DI Morton investigate when a professional hit-man bursts in to the luxurious house of Keith Rothwell and shoots him at close range. What strikes Banks, though, are the strange reactions of the victim's family and it soon becomes evident that Rothwell has been living a secret double life. Seemingly, Banks finds himself involved in a fraud investigation that pits him against an old police rival. The case also brings about personal issues for the detectives, as Morton continues to struggle to fit into her new environment.

THURSDAY

The Town That Caught Tourette's
Channel 4, 9pm

Tourette syndrome isn't contagious, is it? Before watching this documentary, you would say a resounding 'no', but afterwards... Well, you'll need to make up your own mind. In October 2011, in Le Roy, a small town in New York, a handful of teenage girls from the same high school began displaying symptoms that looked like they had suddenly developed Tourette's – facial twitching, violent limb gestures and verbal outbursts. Here, those who

suffered – and in some cases, are still suffering – discuss the situation and what they feel caused their symptoms. They also reveal how they coped with what happened, in particular the media furore that began after some of the girls went on TV in the hope of raising awareness of their problem

FRIDAY

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Burt Reynolds
ITV1, 9pm

He was once the biggest movie star in the world, a hirsute hunk whose million-dollar grin and trademark 'tache left women the world over weak at the knees. However, a series of bad decisions saw Burt Reynolds turning out a string of so-so films and TV shows in his later years. This week, Piers Morgan grills the star of films such as Smokey and the Bandit and The Cannonball Run. As ever, Morgan will be asking the questions some interviewers refuse to, but let's hope he's a little kinder on Reynolds than he was on his Cannonball Run co-star Roger Moore the other week.

Derren Brown: Apocalypse
Channel 4, 9pm

Derren Brown's latest mind-boggling feat sees him attempt to convince one person that the planet has been devastated by a catastrophic meteorite strike, that zombies have taken over the land and he is one of a handful of survivors. The survivor is someone who takes his life for granted, but he won't for much longer, as this meticulously crafted adventure threatens to give him just the wake-up call he needs. Chances are that Derren will have done it again – baffled all of us that is.

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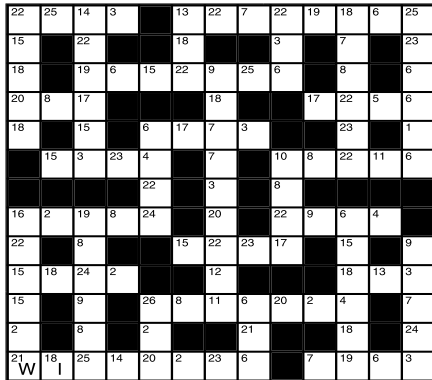
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Brain Gym

No.191

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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2	Q	L	K	Z	V	A	X	M	S	F	C	I	B

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

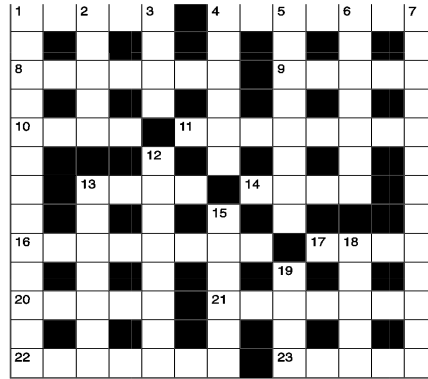
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It just goes to show how time passes! (5)
4. Comes into line for clothes (7)
8. A case for travelling light (7)
9. A topping decoration (5)
10. Dog food? (4)
11. Feeling fed-up! (8)
13. Saucy vessel? (4)
14. Look equal (4)
16. Ugly in an awkward way (8)
17. The ship that ended the embargo (4)
20. A number holding no end of wood (5)
21. Made allowances? (7)
22. Part of the meal you leave, we hear (7)
23. One may slip and fall into it (5)

Down

1. Properly managed, as efficient orchestras are! (4-9)
2. Colour and leave the dance (5)
3. List familiar to the last worker (4)
4. No answer? (6)
5. Grows about ten different wines (8)
6. Unusual threats really surprise (7)
7. Fixed rule deciding priority in a queue? (8,5)
12. Opera featuring just one player? (8)
13. They should be allowed to be themselves, we're told (7)
15. Steps a brave man won't take (6)
18. A helicopter needs it, going up and down (5)
19. Title from Latin America (4)



Quick Clues:

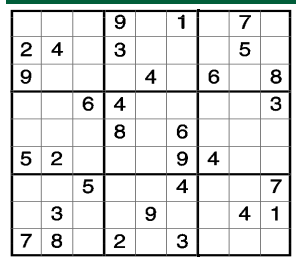
Across

1. Trap (5)
4. Lower (7)
8. Titular (7)
9. Subject (5)
10. Greek love-god (4)
11. To pain (8)
13. Cease (4)
14. Proceed (4)
16. Birth (8)
17. Got up (4)
20. Drone (5)
21. Assuage (7)
22. Theft (7)
23. Crush (5)

Down

1. Self-important (13)
2. Speed (5)
3. Suspend (4)
4. Flood (6)
5. Fatherly (8)
6. Utter (7)
7. Reticence (13)
12. Talk (8)
13. Colonist (7)
15. Tempestuous (6)
18. Corpulent (5)
19. Applaud (4)

Sudoku



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S CIRCLEGRAM SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is A. Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, all Australian cities.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Lost heart; 8 Echo; 9 Sapphires; 10 Parson; 11 Asset; 14 Races; 15 Saps; 16 Aries; 18 Tier; 20 Clear; 21 Reams; 24 Martin; 25 Paper clip; 26 Scum; 27 Still wine. Down: 1 Temperate; 2 Character; 4 Oran; 5 Tapes; 6 Exiles; 7 Reed; 9 Sousa; 11 Amiss; 12 Take stock; 13 Astronomy; 17 Scrap; 19 Reveal; 22 Macaw; 23 Fast; 24 Mien. QUICK - Across: 3 Constable; 8 Oven; 9 Associate; 10 Profit; 11 Gleam; 14 Total; 15 Leer; 16 Exits; 18 None; 20 Tells; 21 Growl; 24 Single; 25 Constrain; 26 Once; 27 Imprudent. Down: 1 Competent; 2 Revolting; 4 Out; 5 Stool; 6 Animal; 7 Late; 9 Aisle; 11 Grill; 12 Negligent; 13 Prospered; 17 Stain; 19 Eraser; 22 World; 23 Form; 24 Sign.

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SEDGLEY

HIGH PARK CRESCENT

- Detached character residence
- Lounge • Conservatory
- Large kitchen opening into 2nd reception
- Guest cloakroom
- Four bedrooms & Loft room
- Ensuite to bedroom three
- Modern bathroom with walk in shower
- Garage with driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £252,500

DUDLEY

THE BROADWAY

- An extended traditional style three bed semi
- Downstairs playroom/Bed four
- Open plan Lounge/dining room
- Enlarged modern kitchen
- Utility area, downstairs wc
- Generous sized rear garden
- Garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500

LOWER GORNAL

WINSCROCFT

- Modern style semi-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Contemporary fitted kitchen
- Lounge and conservatory
- Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Garage
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

ETTINGSALL PARK

WENDOVER ROAD

- Attractively presented three bed semi
- Open plan lounge & dining room
- Conservatory
- Modern bathroom
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Extensive beautiful gardens
- Garage & block paved driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950

COSELEY

LANGLEY AVENUE

- A generous size 3 bed detached
- Extended and enhanced throughout
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility
- Guest cloakroom
- Rear garden with feature decked area
- Garage and driveway parking
- Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149,999

ETTINGSALL PARK

CRANBOURNE AVENUE

- A Mucklow style semi-detached
- High standard of accommodation, contemporary theme
- Two reception rooms
- Modern kitchen with integrated appliances
- Three double bedrooms
- Garage and driveway
- Excellent sized rear garden

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £139,995

HURST HILL, COSELEY

MASLIN DRIVE

- Well maintained traditional family house
- Spacious lounge/dining room
- Extended modern kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Extra wide garage with utility facilities at rear
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY

STRATHERN DRIVE

- A modern 3 storey town house
- Excellent size accommodation
- Utility room & guest cloakroom
- Luxury living room and dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

£124,950

LARKSVIEW, DUDLEY

RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

- Internal viewing essential to appreciate what's on offer in this modern townhouse
- Deceptively spacious accommodation
- Large lounge • Conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Large end plot with excellent sized rear garden
- Two allocated parking spaces

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £117,500

WOLVERHAMPTON

DURBERVILLE ROAD

- Ideal property for a 1st time buyer
- Well presented traditional style semi
- Lounge to the front
- Rear sitting room with open plan dining area
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Most delightful rear gardens
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

COSELEY

LEGGE LANE

- A delightful three bed semi
- Extended kitchen
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Sun room and double garage at rear of garden
- Viewing recommended

NEW PRICE £112,500

COSELEY

SPRINGVALE CLOSE

- A superbly presented family home
- Refurbished to a high standard
- Modern kitchen/dining room
- Lounge
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Modern bathroom
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden with summerhouse
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,950

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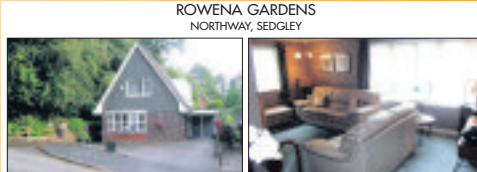
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GOSPEL END STREET
SEDGLEY

- Delightful detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- Elegant living room
- Family bathroom
- Ensuite shower room
- Garage with utility area
- Double entrance driveway

Reduced to £259,950



ROWENA GARDENS
NORTHWAY, SEDGLEY

- An impressive detached home
- Three bedrooms
- 'U' shaped living room
- Dining room, dining kitchen
- Stylish bathroom
- Private rear garden, garage
- Quiet position in cul-de-sac
- No Upward Chain

INTERIOR VIEWING RECOMMENDED
£249,950



DEWSBURY DRIVE
PENN

- Pleasant detached bungalow
- Delightful location
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Central heating & double glazing
- Conservatory & garage
- Fantastic rear garden
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

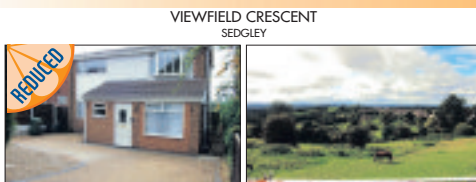
Reduced to £209,950



QUEENS ROAD
SEDGLEY

- Extended Semi-Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Spacious Reception Rooms
- 'U' Shaped Dining Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Garage
- Desirable location

Reduced to £179,950



VIEWFIELD CRESCENT
SEDGLEY

- Spacious detached family home
- Three double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Useful downstairs WC
- Bathroom plus Ensuite
- Extended lower ground floor
- No upward chain

FANTASTIC VIEWS TO THE REAR
Reduced to £189,950



DOVEDALE ROAD
ETTINGSHALL PARK

- Well presented detached
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen & access to garage
- Central heating & double glazing
- Off road parking to the rear
- Prominent corner position
- Pleasant front, side & rear gardens
- Popular location close to amenities

£175,000



ETTINGSHALL PARK FARM LANE
ETTINGSHALL PARK

- Spacious Link-Detached Home
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Lounge and Dining
- Kitchen plus Utility
- Downstairs WC
- Secluded Position

Reduced to £164,950 Open to Offers



TURL'S HILL ROAD
COSELEY

- Stunning three bed town house !!!
- Three bedrooms including attic room
- Open plan lounge with spiral staircase
- Luxury bathroom plus shower room
- Excellent fitted kitchen
- Balcony with views
- Beautiful accommodation
- Off road parking

VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
£174,995



HOCKLEY LANE
NETHERTON

- Well presented semi-detached home
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/diner
- Modern bathroom
- Central heating & double glazing
- Fantastic views front & back
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£164,995



FARRINGTON ROAD
ETTINGSHALL PARK

- Three bedroom semi-detached
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen plus downstairs WC
- Integral garage
- Central heating & double glazing
- Good size rear garden

£147,500



SEDGLEY ROAD WEST
TIPTON

- Extremely spacious semi-detached
- Three double bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Central heating & double glazing
- Cellar
- Private rear garden
- INTERIOR VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Reduced to £144,950



TIPTON ROAD
WOODSETON

- Extremely well presented mid-terrace
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking to the rear
- Two reception rooms
- Spacious fitted dining kitchen
- Landrette and downstairs WC
- Modern bathroom
- Useful basement
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT

£135,000



SKIDMORE ROAD
COSELEY

- Detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Kitchen, utility, downstairs WC
- Modern bathroom
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Reduced to £124,950



VALLEY ROAD
UPPER GORNAL

- Extended semi-detached
- Spacious family home
- Three double bedrooms
- Lounge plus dining room
- Dining kitchen
- MUST BE VIEWED

£120,000



REDWOOD AVENUE
UPPER GORNAL

- Refurbished semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious dining kitchen
- Modernised bathroom
- Central heating & double glazing
- Part uPVC double glazed
- Ideal first time buy
- No upward chain

£114,950



THE VISTA
SEDGLEY

- Semi detached in popular location
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Landrette & Downstairs WC
- Delightful garden with patio
- No upward chain

Reduced to £114,950



WREN STREET
WOODSETON

- Modern mid-town house
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious living room
- Fitted kitchen, conservatory
- Low maintenance rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£112,000



BROOKDALE
LOWER GORNAL

- Spacious end-terrace house
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge plus conservatory
- Dining kitchen, downstairs WC
- Central heating & double glazing
- No upward chain
- WELL PRESENTED

£109,950



LAUDER CLOSE
NORTHWAY, SEDGLEY

- Three bedroom end-terrace
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- Bathroom plus ensuite
- Downstairs WC
- Central heating & double glazing
- Quiet location

£109,950



OAKFIELD AVENUE
BRAMFORD ESTATE

- Semi-detached home
- Two reception rooms plus sun room
- No upward chain
- Central heating
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Ideal first time buy

Reduced to £105,000



SCHOOL STREET
SEDGLEY

- Semi-detached flat
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- rooms
- Central heating
- Convenient location

Reduced to £106,950



HURST ROAD
COSELEY

- Three bedroom semi-detached
- Spacious living room
- Central heating
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Garage & off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£99,950



HILARY CRESCENT
BRAMFORD ESTATE, WOODSETON

- A well presented semi-detached home
- Three bedrooms
- 'U' shaped dining kitchen
- Ground floor WC
- Central heating & double glazing
- No upward chain
- REDUCED FOR A QUICK SALE

Reduced to £94,950



THE WALK
SEDGLEY

- Well presented semi-detached
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge, dining
- kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Central heating & double glazing

£90,000



SCHOOL STREET
SEDGLEY

- A traditional semi-detached home
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- rooms
- Rear garden
- No Upward Chain

Reduced to £87,000



LABURNUM ROAD
KINGSWINFORD

- Modern ground floor flat
- Lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom
- No upward chain
- uPVC double glazing
- Heating
- Quiet position

Reduced to £75,000



SPRINGFIELD GROVE
SEDGLEY

- EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED
- Spacious first floor flat
- Lounge, bedroom
- Stylish kitchen & shower room
- Central heating & double glazing
- Walking distance to Sedgley centre
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- Popular location

VIEWING RECOMMENDED
£65,500



JOCKEY FIELDS
UPPER GORNAL

- A spacious first floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Rear Garden
- Ideal first time buy
- Must Be Viewed

Reduced to £64,950



PARK ROAD
WOODSETON

- Spacious first floor flat
- Two double bedrooms
- Heating & uPVC
- double glazing
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- Close to all amenities

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RODENBOYDELL

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A five-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a fabulous lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a utility room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden overlooking local farmland.

£299,950

BROADLANDS



CHARLECOTE DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£239,950

BROADLANDS



CHARLECOTE DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a double garage and a rear garden.

£229,950

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a separate sitting room, a dining area, a magnificent kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a downstairs wc, a utility room with access to a storage room, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden.

£229,950

LARKS VIEW



RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a magnificent breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£224,950

LOWER GORNAL



FIELDSTONE VIEW

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£219,950

ETTINGSALL PARK



GROSVENOR ROAD

A four bedroom detached family home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast room, a fitted kitchen, a sitting room / snug, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a beautiful rear garden with distant views.

£219,950

MILKING BANK



ASCOT DRIVE

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a spacious breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a landscaped rear garden.

£179,950

SEDGLEY



DINGLE VIEW

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, an extended dining room/sitting room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£177,950

SEDGLEY



LIMES VIEW

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£174,950

LOWER GORNAL



LONGFELLOW ROAD

A three-bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious reception hall, a lounge with patio doors opening onto the rear garden, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a beautiful rear garden.

£174,950

SEDGLEY



QUEENS ROAD

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, detached double garage and a pleasant rear garden

£169,950

SEDGLEY



WOODBANK ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a shower room, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£169,950

LOWER GORNAL



STRAITS ROAD

A two bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and pleasant gardens.

£166,950

LOWER GORNAL



WINRUSH CLOSE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£159,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden.

£156,950

LARKS VIEW



BEAUMARIS CLOSE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: A reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£149,950

SEDGLEY



EASTLEIGH

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast room, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway at the side of the property, a rear garden and a storage shed.

£139,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



DIBDALE ROAD WEST

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£139,950

EARLS KEEP



HOPTON GARDENS

A two bedroom mews style home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden with distant views.

£119,950

LOWER GORNAL



SHADWELL DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£119,950

COSELEY



CROWESBRIDGE MEWS

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a lovely rear garden.

£114,950

UPPER GORNAL



HILL STREET

A two-bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and parking to the rear.

£89,950

SEDGLEY



A two bedroom ground floor flat that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, communal grounds and a garage situated in an adjacent block.

£79,950

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NEW PRICE



FOUR BEDROOM

Priory Road, DUDLEY



- Fabulous spacious detached family home
- Extensively and stylishly refurbished
- Through lounge/dining room, conservatory
- Superb dining kitchen, utility and shower room

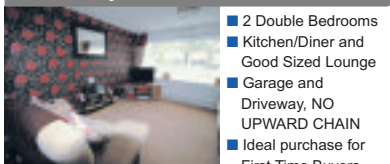
Offers Around £269,000

NEW



TWO BEDROOM

Falcon Way, Russells Hall, DUDLEY



- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner and Good Sized Lounge
- Garage and Driveway, NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ideal purchase for First Time Buyers - VIEW EARLY!

Offers Over £100,000

NEW



FOUR BEDROOM

St James's Road, DUDLEY



- A grand Period semi-detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- AWARD WINNING GARDENS
- Driveway and garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers Around £199,950

NEW



THREE BEDROOM

Kipling Road, Lower Gornal, DUDLEY



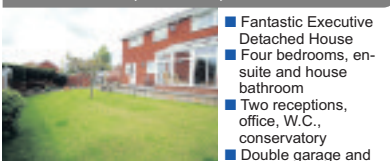
- Well presented family home
- Traditional semi detached house
- Three Bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, lounge, open plan dining kitchen
- Garage, large gardens and fabulous views

Offers Around £159,950



FOUR BEDROOM

Hillman Drive, Oakham, DUDLEY



- Fantastic Executive Detached House
- Four bedrooms, en-suite and house bathroom
- Two receptions, office, W.C., conservatory
- Double garage and corner plot with views to rear

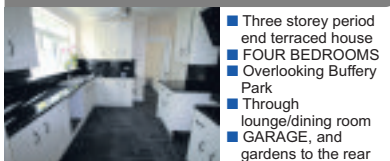
Offers Around £249,950

NO CHAIN



FOUR BEDROOM

Selbourne Road, DUDLEY



- Three storey period end terraced house
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- Overlooking Buffery Park
- Through lounge/dining room
- GARAGE, and gardens to the rear
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers Around £149,950

NEW Occupation Street, DUDLEY

- REFURBISHED MID TERRACED HOUSE
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen and down stairs bathroom
- Long garden, NO CHAIN

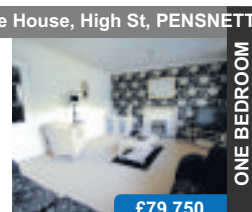


TWO BEDROOM

£74,950

NEW Louise House, High St, PENSNETT

- A spacious modern ground floor flat
- Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Immaculate show home standard throughout!
- Lounge, hall, bedroom, kitchen, shower room
- Allocated parking and gardens



ONE BEDROOM

£79,750

NEW PRICE Daisy Street, COSELEY

- An extended well proportioned semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms, bathroom and separate W.C.
- Hallway, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, W.C.
- Driveway, garage, garden, NO UPWARD CHAIN

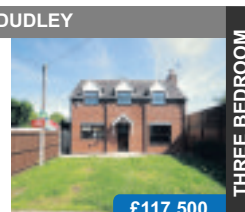


THREE BEDROOM

£122,500

The Belper, DUDLEY

- Modern detached house
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge, Kitchen, W.C.
- Secure parking behind gates
- NO UPWARD CHAIN



THREE BEDROOM

£117,500

NEW PRICE Stourbridge Road, DUDLEY

- Extended Traditional Semi Detached house
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Three Bedrooms and shower room
- backing onto Fens Pool Nature Reserve

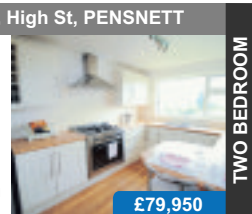


THREE BEDROOM

£130,000

The Poplars, High St, PENSNETT

- Two bedroom first floor apartment
- Fully refurbished and ready to move into
- Private development with elevated far reaching views
- Garage. No upward chain.

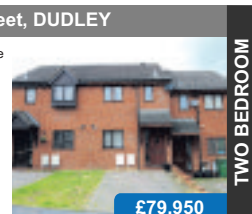


TWO BEDROOM

£79,950

Brewery Street, DUDLEY

- Modern Mid Terrace House
- Two bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge, kitchen and hallway
- Driveway and rear garden
- Ideal BUY TO LET or FIRST TIME PURCHASE



TWO BEDROOM

£79,950

Ivy House Lane, COSELEY

- Large semi-detached house
- Four bedrooms and bathroom
- Two reception rooms, dining kitchen
- Garage, driveway and large rear garden
- No upward chain

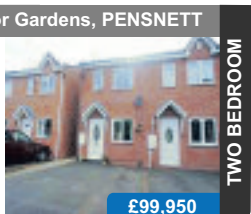


FOUR BEDROOM

£149,950

Byrchen Moor Gardens, PENSNETT

- Modern two bed semi detached home
- Ideal first time or buy to let purchase
- Well presented accommodation
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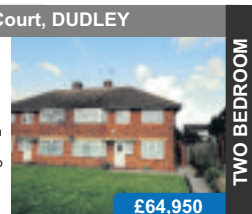


TWO BEDROOM

£99,950

Kenilworth Court, DUDLEY

- Spacious first floor maisonette
- Two double bedrooms and shower room
- Lounge/dining room and kitchen
- Garden and store to rear
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

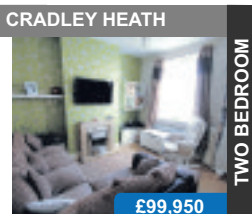


TWO BEDROOM

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Mace Street, CRADLEY HEATH

- Two Bedroom end terraced home
- Well presented, GCH and DG
- Long rear gardens
- Lounge, dining kitchen and cellar



TWO BEDROOM

£99,950

Perry Close, DUDLEY

- Two bedroom end terraced house
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A VERY LARGE DETACHED DAVID PAYNE FAMILY HOME enjoying an open front outlook, within an exclusive address, offering INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS, THREE STOREY accommodation, which requires some cosmetic improvement, comprising: Canopy Porch, Reception Hall, Ground Floor WC, Large Lounge, CONSERVATORY, Separate Dining Room, Study, Fitted Kitchen with appliances, Breakfast Room, Laundry, FIVE GOOD BEDROOMS, en suite to master, House Bathroom, Shower Room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM and DOUBLE GLAZING. Front lawns, BROAD DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE, rear garden with OFFICE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777



£329,950

ETTINGSALL PARK**Camberley Crescent**

Immaculately presented, considerably improved, extended, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) gas centrally heated semi detached family home provides a truly versatile living accommodation as a personal inspection will confirm. The impressive property comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining area, kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, family room/study, FOUR EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, refitted shower room with white suite, tarmacadam driveway & a level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £192,000

QUARRY BANK**Bower Lane**

This conscientiously maintained, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached family home is situated in an established residential location, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, through living room, extended dining kitchen, guest wc, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage/store, driveway, and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£134,950

QUARRY BANK**Honister Close**

This exceptionally well presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed end townhouse occupies a fine corner plot, and internal inspection is essential to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, secure gated parking, and a low maintenance rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£114,950

UPPER GORNAL**Eve Lane**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & double glazed, freehold semi detached with NO UPWARD CHAIN in established/convenient district. Accommodation provides reception hall, enlarged lounge, extended 21'6" breakfast kitchen, extended 19'2" sitting/dining room, three bedrooms, tiled shower room, lengthy drive, garage, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

RUSSELLS HALL**Osprey Drive**

This surprisingly spacious, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement/upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£98,950

WOODSETTON

An elegant & particularly distinctive detached Victorian family residence that has been lovingly restored over the years by present vendors to an exemplary specification carefully retaining/enhancing so many period features. Lofty ceiling heights throughout, and the gas centrally heated, double glazed accommodation includes; entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, THREE RECEPTION ROOMS, fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & Aga, walk-in store, side vestibule & outer porch, extensive vaulted cellarage. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with bathroom en suite), and a further house bathroom. Gravelled driveway, secluded expertly tended rear garden, magnificent views to the rear, and substantial DOUBLE GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £355,000

Tipton Road**OAKHAM****NEW PRICE****Hillman Drive**

Affording one of the best positions in this exclusive cul-de-sac location, is this fastidiously maintained and improved, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed 4 bedroomed executive styled detached residence requiring internal inspection to appreciate the quality of the accommodation on offer, comprising, hall lounge, dining room, modern kitchen with integrated appliances, guest cloaks, heated conservatory, four first floor bedrooms, master with en-suite shower, modern family bathroom, all this presented in landscaped gardens with large driveway, garage, this superb property is a credit to its current vendors, rare opportunity, no upward chain. STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £244,950

Bobbington

Delightfully located, forming part of this small exclusive cul de sac development, this SUBSTANTIAL AND DISTINCTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a very pleasant outlook towards the village church of Holy Cross; offering a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, ground floor guests cloakroom/w.c., large attractive lounge with walk in bay, separate formal dining room, spacious fitted kitchen, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS (master with refitted en suite shower room) and luxury refitted house bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the attractive front lawn, LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and a beautifully laid out, established and secluded rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£279,950

Glebelands**LOWER GORNAL**

An extremely stylish, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home constructed to a highly individual specification and significantly improved by present vendors. Outstanding accommodation provides hall cloaks, magnificent 18'4" lounge, dining room with patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (and steps down to 'cinema room'), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light oak' units & many integrated appliances, utility room. Gallery landing, principal bedroom with built in wardrobe, shower room en suite & further walk-in wardrobe, three additional large bedrooms (one with built in wardrobes), dormer bathroom, large garage, brick/block parking to front, landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950

Robert Street**WALL HEATH****£10,000 REDUCTION****Cross Street**

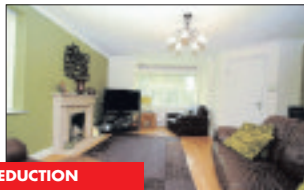
This SPACIOUS, EXPENSIVELY REFITTED 2 / 3 BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys an IMPOSING CORNER SETTING in this favoured address just a short walk from village amenities and countryside to offer: Fine 15 Hall, Generous Lounge with French windows to garden, separate Dining room/Bedroom 3, BRAND NEW FITTED BREAKFAST / KITCHEN in light oak, TWO FURTHER DOUBLE BEDROOMS, LUXURY FITTED BATHROOM, Gas central heating and uPVC Double Glazing, BROAD FRONTAGE with in/out Drive/Parking, side lawns and drive to GARAGE and GENEROUS REAR LAWNEED GARDENS. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£219,950

Gornal / Pensnett**£6,500 REDUCTION**

Enjoying a generous corner cul de sac position upon much sought after Badgers Rise, together with a DELIGHTFUL OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, NOW INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., fantastic large lounge, separate dining room area, large garden/second sitting room, study/office, attractively refitted kitchen with built in appliances, utility room, FOUR BEDROOMS (master with EN SUITE) and house bathroom. With attractive foregarden, TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£239,950

Wrighton Drive**Wall Heath****£15,000 REDUCTION**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, NOW MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoying a delightful cul-de-sac position and very well placed for the area s highly regarded local schooling, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Hall, ground floor WC, spacious Lounge with Dining Area off, attractive Kitchen leading through to Utility Room, LARGE GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION, FOUR BEDROOMS, refitted Bathroom and beautifully appointed Shower Room. With attractive foregarden, PAVED/PEBBLED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£199,950

Underley Close**LOWER GORNAL****Rulton Street**

Vendor advises NO UPWARD CHAIN. An OUTSTANDING, meticulously maintained, and significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow presented in exemplary order throughout and comprising: entrance hallway, boiler/cloakroom, 20'9" living/dining room, inner hallway, store, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite, two bedrooms, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Extensive gated parking, neat landscaped garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

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BACKING ONTO FIELDS / COUNTRYSIDE within this highly desirable address which is well placed for excellent schooling, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED / APPOINTED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a VERY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen integrated appliances, utility room, ground floor shower room, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. With DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and large beautifully established cottage style rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£187,500**LOWER GORNAL****Robert Street**

A highly individual & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached envially situated with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS to the rear & having been tremendously upgraded/modernised by present vendors in recent years. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, magnificent 24'2" through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division?) with french doors out to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, 26th through lobby, laundry, separate toilet. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reappointed/enlarged bathroom with white, garage, well tended gardens. Part Exchange Considered. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,000**WOMBOURNE****Rookery Road**

Enjoying a SUPERB OPEN REAR ASPECT within this mature and highly sought after address, this DISTINCTIVE, SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very large lounge with ample dining space, separate dining room through to fitted kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom with separate shower and separate W.C. With DRIVEWAY and GARAGE to the fore and enjoying a pleasant small low maintenance patio style rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£184,950**LOWER GORNAL****Milton Crescent, Straits**

A primarily uPVC double glazed & gas radiator centrally heated, two double bedroom detached bungalow with garage envially situated upon favoured section of 'The Straits' with rear garden abutting onto fields & the golf driving range beyond. Offering further potential, the accommodation includes entrance vestibule, central reception hall, two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units), bathroom, kitchen, pantry, lounge & brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £182,000**COSELEY****Strathern Drive, Hurst Hill**

A significantly enhanced, ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached former showhome occupying PROMINENT CORNER PLOT with good distant views. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, reappointed cloakroom, enlarged lounge, enlarged transverse dining room (with patio doors), upgraded 15'9" kitchen with fine range of 'birch' effect units & a garden room beyond. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with white suite, landscaped/secluded rear garden with gated access to SECURE PARKING (& a former garage). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**WOODSETTON****NEW PRICE****Roper Way**

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached family home which is situated in a popular residential location, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room with white suite. Burglar alarm, driveway, garage, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**DUDLEY****St. James Road**

A most attractive, significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured 'tree lined' road within walking distance of town centre, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes: imposing reception hall (10'4" ceiling heights), 27'4" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay, and double French doors to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'birch' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**WORDSLEY****£5,000 REDUCTION****Sandringham Road**

THIS SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, MODERN, THREE / FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is located within the sought after 'Ashwood Park' development, offering INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS & ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED/renovated layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: enlarged reception hall, spacious lounge, separate dining room, FANTASTIC LARGE CONSERVATORY, attractively fitted kitchen, THREE / FOUR BEDROOMS bedroom 2 and having w.c. off, ramp, brick/refitted kitchen/classic white suite, bathroom. Set back beyond the LARGE/Enhanced/Block PAVED/DRIVEWAY and enjoying a pleasant rear garden with access to a LARGE STOREROOM / UTILITY (originally the garage). KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£147,950**SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached which has been significantly modernised/refurbished in recent months set in convenient district within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring/associated amenities. Various period features remain (wood striped floor/irreplaces/picture rails) and the accommodation includes porch, imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors), refitted kitchen with oven, hob & extractor, pantry, three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with white suite, narrow 'garage', garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,000**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Oldfield Road, Hurst Hill**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac with distant views & close to so many amenities. Superb, tremendously modernised accommodation includes reception hall, lounge with bay, utility room, store, EXTENDED (10ft) DINING KITCHEN with patio doors, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms (third bedroom has been enlarged), bathroom. Garage (presently sub-divided to create playroom & store room), secluded landscaped rear garden with many features. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £141,000**LOWER GORNAL****Summit Place**

This traditional, majority double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established location convenient for local amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £130,000**WOODSETTON****Stanton Avenue**

This well presented, extended, gas centrally heated & double glazed (vast majority uPVC) traditional semi detached is situated in a quiet cul de sac & may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient district. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, store, extended 18'2" dining/living room with patio doors to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended/refitted 15ft kitchen with 'oak' effect units & various integrated appliances, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, block paved parking/shared driveway, garage, good size secluded rear garden (mining safety available). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Bank Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC) & gas centrally heated detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities/transport networks and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., lounge, dining area, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,500**SEDGLEY****Dudley Road**

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached envially located in quiet 'backwater' (of just four properties) yet within level walking distance of the Bull Ring and all associated amenities. The accommodation includes hall, well equipped kitchen with integrated oven/hob/filter, 16ft lounge with patio doors through to a uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY beyond. Two bedrooms (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes), bathroom with contemporary white suite & a shower. Sheltered/secluded rear garden, ample parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £118,500**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****The Quadrant**

This beautifully presented, traditional style, gas centrally heated, three bedroom end town house which is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to both first time buyers, and young families alike. The surprisingly spacious accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, Three good bedrooms, shower room, Driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000**SEDGLEY****The Walk**

This most impressive, deceptively spacious, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid townhouse has undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation & improvement and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families, briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, beautiful refitted bedroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Skidmore Road**

An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in an established district convenient for station & other amenities. Accommodation includes hallway, lounge with bay, transverse dining/sitting room, store, upgraded kitchen with 'cream finish' units & further utility room beyond. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £101,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Kenelm Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, double glazed (majority of units) and gas centrally heated semi detached now requires sympathetic modernisation/improvement yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950**WORDSLEY****Crownokes Drive**

A SUPERB 'CONTEMPORARY' STYLE FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT which forms part of the sought after 'Edge' development providing a LARGE LAYOUT of BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation which has GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING including: Communal lobby entrance with CCTV/intercom, Reception Hall, fantastic large lounge with dining area, luxury fitted kitchen with built in appliances, LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOM and luxury bathroom. Set within beautifully maintained gardens and grounds including ALLOCATED CAR PARKING. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£92,500**PENSNETT****CASH OFFERS ONLY****Derwent Close**

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£89,950**NR. SEDGLEY****Thistle Close, High Arcl**

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PRICE: £89,000 FOR VENDORS 75% SHARE**NETHERTON****NEW PRICE****St Georges Road**

A traditionally styled 3 bedroomed mid town house with gas centrally heated accommodation which comprises, hall thru lounge, kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garden area to rear. Realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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 - ★ Hall ★ Lounge
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 - ★ Bathroom
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WOODSETTON

- EVE LANE**
- ★ Semi Detached
 - ★ Sizeable Plot
 - ★ Hall ★ Lounge
 - ★ Dining Room ★ Kitchen
 - ★ Three Bedrooms
 - ★ Bathroom
 - ★ Gas Central Heating
 - ★ Double glazed
 - ★ Need of updating
 - ★ Parking
- OFFERS BASED ON £99,950**

GORNAL

- BIRD STREET**
- ★ Mid terraced
 - ★ Fully refurbished ★ Lounge
 - ★ Dining room
 - ★ Fitted kitchen
 - ★ Three bedrooms
 - ★ Bathroom ★ Gas c/heating
 - ★ Double glazed
 - ★ Private garden
 - ★ Immaculate throughout
- OFFERS BASED ON £109,950**

GORNAL

- SANDSTONE CLOSE**
- ★ Ground floor maisonette
 - ★ Immaculate throughout
 - ★ Porch ★ Lounge
 - ★ Fitted kitchen
 - ★ One bedroom
 - ★ Bathroom
 - ★ Rear garden
 - ★ Parking
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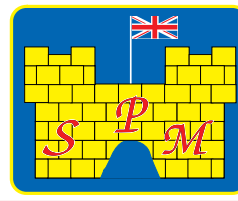
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WARTELL BANK
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EAGLE PLACE
£350 pcm
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HAWBUSH GARDENS
£395 pcm
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LABURNUM ROAD
£460 pcm
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden.

WORDSLEY



MANOR ROAD
£560 pcm
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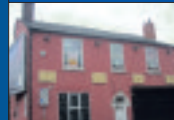
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Hyundai is hitting the Sante Fe trail

NOT long ago the easiest way to spark road rage was simply driving a big off-roader through a crowded town centre; everyone thought you were a pretentious poseur.

Now they don't. Or at least, most of them

don't. Today, the off-roader is renamed an SUV, for sport utility vehicle, and we can't get enough of them. So popular are the chunky charms of a modern SUV that buyers are ditching estates and people carriers in their thousands to move up in the world (literally; sitting higher is a big SUV attraction).



The Santa Fe has a higher seat position which makes for a relaxing drive

By Ian Donaldson

Today's SUV helps the switchover too, with lighter bodies and more efficient engines – nearly always a diesel – making them use less fuel than before. And advances in suspension design have banished much of the rock and roll feel that went with off-roaders of old.

The latest Santa Fe from Korean car maker Hyundai shows how far the SUV has come. The last one was a big seller here, with UK buyers taking a third of all sales across Europe and added features mean the newcomer might do better still.

Improving

For the first time the Santa Fe can be had with two-wheel drive; cutting the off-road ability of the previously four-wheel drive only range but cutting the cost and improving economy. Even so, sales are expected to be overwhelmingly all-wheel drive models.

Prices start at £25,495 for a two-wheel drive version and rise to the £34,395 asked for a seven seat Santa Fe with auto gears and all the bells and whistles.

Talking seats, the seven seat Santa Fe makes a much more style conscious statement than the slab-sided people carriers that big families often have to pick as their personal transport. The

latest interior finds a bit more space than before in a body a little longer and wider but lower than the outgoing Santa Fe and a whole lot better looking, with crisp, flowing lines and well placed licks of chrome adding an upmarket feel.

It's diesel only under the bonnet as we Brits leave thirsty petrol SUVs to the newly minted millionaires of China and the Middle East, the 2.2 litre engine in the new Santa Fe is a lusty performer but you're never in any doubt that diesel runs in its veins, with a chuntering soundtrack in the background.

The lazy charms of a biggish diesel match perfectly to an automatic gearbox and the test car was as relaxing as can be, even when brushing off the hills and hollows of a modestly demanding off-road course laid on for my drive. It returned 35mpg on my shortish test drive.

Among the safety features of every new Santa Fe is trailer stability assist, which brakes individual wheels on the car to settle things down if it senses things are beginning to snake a bit behind.

Hill start assist keeps the brakes on for a second or two while your foot flees from brake to accelerator pedal on a slope, while the commanding driving position that

comes with all SUVs makes judging the road ahead a bit more relaxing than in cars with seats nearer the ground.

The midrange spec of the £31,895 auto Premium test car lacked for little. Standard kit includes satellite navigation, reverse parking camera, dual zone climate control, leather seat trim and self-leveling rear suspension.

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United's Vase win grounds the rivals

Causeway Utd 2 Stourport Swifts 0

CAUSEWAY progressed to the next round of the FA Vase with a comfortable victory over their high-flying Midland Alliance rivals, Stourport Swifts.

The home side dominated the match throughout, and almost led with a volley from Scott Stevenson on eight minutes.

On 23 minutes a 30-yard shot by Adam Meacham found its way through the hands of Stourport goalkeeper Haydn Whitcombe to put the home team ahead.

It could have been at least three by half-time, with chances missed for Causeway, including a header from Darren Whitley in injury time which he put over the bar when it looked easier to score.

The one-way traffic continued and United sealed the victory on 76 minutes when substitute Stefan Ashman received the ball from a throw-in and played it through to Stuart How, who applied a lovely finish.

Only then did Stourport seem to want to battle back and Lewis Pountney saw a header from a Paul Jones cross brilliantly saved by Tom Turner, but it was Causeway who deserved the victory.

They go on to a home tie against Desborough Town on November 17.

Title taken with three games left

SPILLS MEADOW A clinched the Gornal & Sedgley dominoes league title with three matches to spare by defeating Five Ways A 5-2.

It was the 23rd win out of 27 games for captain Lyle Peacock, Lloyd Peacock, David Taylor, Andrew Brown, Alan Witton, Ron Witton, Stan Witton, Kerry Witton and Stuart Franklin.

Franklin, the manager of the Spills Meadow pub in Upper Gornal, has won 22 out of 25 of his own games so far this season, winning the league's best average award.

Spills' A and B sides now look forward to competing in the end of season league competitions - the ladies singles, doubles, three-a-side and five-a-side.

Late scores prove so costly yet again

Dudley K'winford 13 Preston G'hoppers 18

overall and have certainly proven that they can compete at this level.

Although they have lost three home games out of four, the points difference over those games is just minus six.

There were a few changes from last week's game at Hull Ionians with Simon Fletcher returning at full back, Jon Higgins at fly-half and Gareth Bown moving into the centre. Chris Perry was on the wing replacing the injured Matt Farrington. With skipper Shaun Griffiths still side-lined DK

sported an experimental second row with Ed Parry and Tom Bissell being paired together. This raised a few eyebrows but worked quite well with Ed scoring most votes for DK Man of the Match with a strong performance throughout and Tom in his first ever senior outing at lock was pretty impressive too.

The home pack looked strong throughout and generally had the upper hand. It was generally a below par performance from the backs with the notable exception of Stefan Shillingford, who was again

outstanding especially in defence. DK had most of the early pressure and Bown kicked them 3-0 ahead with a 13th minute penalty.

A great chance went begging after 15 minutes when Shillingford made a tremendous break but lacked support.

Several missed tackles left the DK rear-guard exposed and PGs flanker Killian Wallace took an easy scoring pass. Full back Sean Taylor converted for a 3-7 lead.

The DK forwards were beginning to expose cracks in the Preston pack and the home side enjoyed a period of pressure with Bown nudging them within a point

at 7-6 with a 33rd-minute penalty. The home side missed two excellent opportunities to score inside a minute. Luke Greenwood made a break but the pass was delayed with two men outside. Then Higgins broke clean through but no one could take his pass.

They finally broke through after 51 minutes when Fletcher touched down and Bown converted.

The visitors came back strongly and a Taylor penalty made it 13-10. Great defending kept the visitors at bay until PGs' No 8 Conon Murphy scored an unconverted try. Taylor's 76th minute penalty from secured the win.

Kings stay on top after revival in second half

Old Wulfrunians 1 Kingswinford 3

A SECOND-HALF revival helped Kingswinford to victory after making the short trip to Wolverhampton.

Old Wulfs, who lost their opening two matches, had a point to prove and the visitors were under pressure throughout the first half. Wulfs dominated and but for excellent reactions of keeper Tim Sanders, Kings would have gone into the break several goals behind. After a stern half-time team talk, Kings turned the game on its head.

Mark Wilson went close to putting them in front as his drag-kick was superbly saved by Old Wulfs' keeper.

However, with 15 minutes to go Steve Beatty finished at the back post after some good passing.

Minutes later, Kings extended the lead after a skillful run by Ajay Sandhu saw him find Sam George who calmly slotted home.

Buried

Kings buried the game as Cole Hickman collected his first effort from the keeper's pads and fired home.

Wulfs grabbed a consolation goal with four minutes to go which prompted their coach to run on the pitch and start shouting.

This marred an otherwise competitive and well-fought game. Kings now sit top of the league being the only team to win all of their three opening games.

Kingswinford 2 Pershore 0

Daman Johal's double settled a meeting of two previously unbeaten teams in favour of Kingswinford seconds.

Kingswinford Hockey Club

Pershore had the early scoring opportunities only to be thwarted time and again by Harry Bains who is starting to shine in his new found role as permanent second team goalkeeper.

Kingswinford then took the game to Pershore with Sarj Takhar tormenting the visitors' defence on numerous occasions only to be let down each time at the final hurdle.

Drawing confidence from this, Kings started to pass the ball well.

The breakthrough came after Kings won a penalty corner which was swept goalbound by Johal. The keeper produced a fine save, but Johal collected the rebound and smashed home an unstoppable shot.

Shortly before the break, Johal fired home his second via a deflection off a defender.

Both teams had their chances in an entertaining second half, but there were no further goals.

Gemma becomes first girl at boxing academy

TEENAGE boxer Gemma Small is punching for joy after becoming the first female boxer at an academy set up for the sport.

Gemma, aged 16, of Marston Road, Brierley Hill, has her sights set on becoming a professional boxer after being inspired by the Clint Eastwood film Million Dollar Baby, about a woman setting out to be a fighter.

Now she has taken up a knock-out opportunity and signed up with Stourbridge College Boxing Academy, run in partnership with The Lions Amateur Boxing Club in Bull Street, Brierley Hill and is the only girl among 12 students.

The two-year course will allow her to continue her education, studying for a BTEC in sport. The Boxing Academy has an open evening on October 31 from 5.30pm for school leavers or those in their last year interested in the sport, as well as studying.



Gemma Small, aged 16, is the only girl boxing at Stourbridge College Boxing Academy

Neal is set to mount last-gasp title drive

STOURBRIDGE racer Matt Neal is poised for a last-gasp bid to retain his British Touring Car championship.

He, Gordon Shedden, Jason Plato and Andrew Jordan are in with a shout of the crown going into the deciding final three races at Brands Hatch in Kent this Sunday.

Fife's Shedden is on course to be the first Scottish winner of Britain's premier motor racing championship since John Cleland in 1995.

The factory Honda Yuasa Racing Team ace goes into the event - starting with timed practice and a half-hour qualifying session on Saturday - with a 15-point advantage over nearest challenger Plato at the top of the table. With 67 points still up for grabs - 20 for a win plus assorted bonuses - Plato, who won both his previous titles in 2001 and 2010 at Brands Hatch, is the man in form.

The Oxford racer, just 45, won twice at Silverstone just over a week ago in his MG KX Momentum Racing MG6 as Shedden, team-mate Neal and Pirtek Racing's Jordan all struggled in Honda Civics.

Neal, who won the title for a third time 12 months ago, is not giving up on a fourth - a feat achieved only once since the BTCC's first race, at Brands Hatch in 1958, by Andy Rouse (1975 and 1983-5). He is 31 points adrift of Shedden.

But he said: "There's no way I'm giving up on defending my title and, after a tough time at Silverstone which we didn't deserve, I'm really fired up."

Bullets hit their target

Brierley Hill Bullets East U13 4 Dudley Sports U13 1

DUDLEY started well against Division One Bullets, restricting them to long-range shots for the first 20 minutes.

Bullets broke the deadlock from a corner.

Sports did really well to hold out to half-time, but conceded three more times in the second period.

But good work gave them a consolation goal.

Other results: Dudley Sports East U9 2 Dudley Sports West U9 3, Dudley Sports Dynamos U14 2 Dudley Sports Juniors U14 0, Bearwood Sports U16 2 Dudley Sports U16 1, Woodstar Rangers Ladies 2 Dudley Sports Ladies 1.



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Tivdale 7 Studley 0
TIVIDALE hit Studley for seven at the Beeches as they pulled off the result of the day in the Midland Alliance.

Studley looked most likely to break the deadlock in the first 10 minutes but crumbled as Tivdale began to dominate.

A 17th-minute shot on the turn from Kyle Hill produced a goal but his effort was bettered six minutes later as full-back Gerald Mullholland, making a first full start for Tivdale, hit a shot that flew into the net.

A minute after Tivdale's second goal, captain Richard Taylor almost added a third. He shot just over as the ball fell to him 12 yards out.

In the 41st minute, Matthew Jukes found the net with a close-range header, after Lee Chilton played Kyle Hill in to deliver a superbly weighted cross.

Within a minute of the restart Taylor headed into the far corner of the net.

Six minutes later Tivdale scored their sixth goal and it turned out to be the goal of the game.

Avon Jephcott picked up the ball some 25 yards from goal near the touchline and cut inside before bending a angled drive past the full length dive of goalkeeper Thomas Hewitt.

Substitute Adam Hill completed the rout in the 80th minute when he belted the ball home.

Emerson on victory roll

STOURBRIDGE speedway hopeful Emerson Jones sprung a surprise in his very first meeting - he won it.

The 18-year-old, already snapped up on contract for 2013 by National League outfit Stoke, took part in the support class in a Summer Championship amateur meeting at Scunthorpe.

Jones, who has attended a number of training schools and practices but not previously raced, had no experience of the starting gate system either.

He eased himself into the meeting with four points from his three rides, a score just good enough to make the B final but victory there got him into the A final which he also won.

Jones took some notable scalps, including brothers Simon and Martin Pearce, who finished first and second overall in the Summer Championship.

Ball ready to fight rematch with Al Harbi

by Craig Birch

COSELEY'S Jamie Ball has been ordered by the British Boxing Board of Control to fight Nasser Al Harbi in a rematch to decide who will get a shot at the English title.

A second eliminator for the light-middleweight crown has been put out to pursue bids and matchmaker Errol Johnson is expected to make an offer to stage the fight.

With Ball already due to fight at a show planned for November 30 at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, eliminator status would make an Al Harbi match main event material.

The two first clashed in March at the New

Bingley Hall in March with the bout declared a no-contest after four rounds, after Al Harbi picked up a cut above the right eye.

English champion Erick Ochieng, after declaring his intention to vacate the belt, is now keeping hold of his crown and either Ball or Al Harbi could be his next opponent.

Ball said: "It's great news and it's the best thing that could happen, because the first outcome was no good to either of us. I want to put it right."

"I imagine Nasser will feel the same way and I can't see him having much of a problem coming to Wolverhampton to box."

"He's a fighter, a good kid with great skills and I preferably would have liked another fight before I faced him again."

"I will be a bit rusty, but that's life and I have to get on with it. If I pull out, it will put me to the back of the queue. I have to take this fight if it comes along."

The finish of their first fight was hotly disputed, with Ball claiming a punch caused the wound but referee Terry O'Connor believed otherwise. As the man in the

middle ruled it was from an accidental clash of heads, the fight was ruled a technical draw.

Ball said: "It was disappointing for both of us, we both trained really hard because we wanted to step up to the next level."

"It definitely helps that we know what each other is about now, but one fight is never the same as the other. It was turning into a good fight; I was more than likely losing after the early rounds, but I was just getting into it. You can't really judge us on that fight but I know for a fact that I caught him with a punch when he got cut."

Town go out after surprise setback

AFC Wulfrunians 3 Tipton Town 0

TIPTON TOWN crashed out of the FA Vase second round in a surprise defeat at AFC Wulfrunians.

The hosts went close as Nathan Rose-Laing fired over after linking well with Andy Thompson.

Tipton's Nigel Penney fired wide after Tom Tonks' long throw caused problems.

Wulfs keeper Danny Tipton made two excellent saves, the first after Karl Edwards was clear and then an instinctive block from Richard Huckfield's header.

Mike Robertson saw a 25-yard daisy-cutter go just wide for Wulfs before Tipton wasted another good chance as Penney capitalised on a defensive slip but fired wide with just the keeper to beat.

Jake Sedgemore's free-kick was tipped over by Jack Hayfield for Town.

In the 34th minute Thompson fed Rose-Laing, continued his run and slid the ball past the keeper.

Four minutes before the interval Sedgemore's corner was half-cleared and Robertson returned the ball into the middle where Tom Ray swept home from 10 yards.

Seconds after the restart Thompson's speculative long-range strike was brilliantly kept out by Hayfield.

Lewis Haycock headed over from a good position and Tonks saw his long-range shot tipped over as Tipton continued to search for a way back into the game.

After soaking up pressure Wulfs effectively killed off Tipton with a third goal in the 73rd minute. A low ball across goal from the right by Thompson was converted at the far post by Rose-Laing.

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HEATHENS HOPING FOR BIG BACKING

DUDLEY HEATHENS are urging fans to back their bid for National League title glory when they stage the home leg of the grand final at Wolverhampton next Tuesday.

It's the biggest night for the club since they rose from the ashes of the old Cradley outfit three seasons ago and a massive crowd is expected at 'Monmore Wood'.

And as a bonus for supporters, they are also hosting the second leg of the National League Knockout Cup final immediately afterwards as part of a double-header.

Heathens got their play-offs final place at Stoke last Wednesday, 24 hours after edging the first leg of the semi-final by a point and all-round spirit set them up for a double header on Tuesday.

The final starts at 7.30. Heathens then chase a 28-point deficit in the second leg of the cup final against Mildenhall. Prices for the two meetings are £15 adults, £10 concessions and £2 children. The programme is £3.

Team manager Will Pottinger said: "It's a massive night for the club and we are hoping the terraces will be packed to get right behind us."

Confident

"We know the Knockout Cup is a tall order but with the grand final of the play-offs we start level and we are confident we can do it."

"We have riders coming back from injury and when we were battered at Mildenhall in the cup that was after we lost Byron Bekker in his first ride. We rode well at Stoke last Wednesday to get to the grand final after doing our best to throw it away in the home leg when we must have dropped at least 12 points from scoring positions."

"Obviously, we cannot afford anything like that against a side like Milden-

Dudley Heathens

hall and we will need to be at our best right from the start.

"It's going to be a big night next Tuesday and I hope our current crop of supporters will also be joined by fans from the old Cradley days who haven't been to a Dudley match."

Skipper Adam Roynon is back after injury. He scored 15 for Workington at Newcastle on Sunday and replaces Joe Haines, who had a maximum at Stoke.

James White-Williams should be back after damaging his ankle in the home semi-final with Stoke. He said: "The swelling has gone down on the ankle and I'm walking on it so I will be back for next week."

"I've been a part of this team from the start of the season and I'm desperate to score some points and help us win the play-offs."

Fans at Tuesday's double header - last home action of the season for Heathens - can also buy tickets for the awards night. The event, with 300 seats sold, is at the Venue Conference and Banqueting Suite, Upper High Street, Dudley on Friday November 2. Tickets at £10 are at the track shop or online shop.

Shillingford cannot squash the Grasshoppers



Stefan Shillingford bursts away for Dudley Kingswinford in their match against Preston Grasshoppers. DK performed well, but were left to rue late scores which gave their visitors the victory. Match report - Page 47

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